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Festival of Trees



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The 2006 Festival of Trees, sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA), began at the Grayling Mini Mall on Saturday and runs through Sunday, Nov. 19. GPA members will raffle off about 20 Christmas trees, which have been decorated by area businesses and community organizations, along with other donated items at 3 p.m. on Nov. 19. Area residents can try to win their favorite tree by placing a raffle ticket, which are being sold for \$2 a piece or six for \$10, in a container by the tree. The winner of the raffle will be able to take the tree home for the holidays. Above right, April Bertram, co-chairwoman for the Festival of Trees along with Senga Horsey (not pictured), decorated the military tree with fellow GPA member Betty Bennett. Left, Shari Lehman, a member of the Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465, decorates the Eagles Club's tree, which also has a patriotic red, white and blue theme.

School district sells office building

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The house which served as the administrative offices for the Crawford AuSable School District for just over three decades was sold earlier this month.

District officials closed on the sale of the office building known as the "white house" on Nov. 3. The property was sold to Amy Leonard of Roscommon for \$75,000 and will soon house a store that will offer scrap book- ing supplies and materials.

The house was purchased by the district in January, 1975 to serve as the central offices and alumni offices, said Mike Dunckel, the business manager for the Crawford AuSable School District.

The central office for the district was relocated to the Grayling High School prior to the start of the current school year.

Money from the sale of the home will go into the district's general fund account, said Joe Powers, the superintendent for the Crawford AuSable School District.

"This was part of our budget containment plan," said Powers, referring to the plan to slash \$1 million from the district's bud- get.

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Ordinance enforcement officer Ok'd

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Savings from a pair of road improvement projects will lead down the path to increased blight enforcement in Grayling Township.

The Grayling Township Board, at its regular meeting last week, agreed to hire a part time ordinance enforcement officer, who will specifically be assigned to address blight issues.

Township officials were able to secure the funds to hire the officer since road projects on Old Dam Road and Margrethe Boulevard, completed earlier this year in conjunction with the Crawford County Road Commission, cost half the funds initially budgeted.

The township budgeted \$30,000 to pay the salary for the officer, purchase or lease a vehicle for enforcement and to equip an office.

"We're really excited about this new position and hope that it is going to be a big step in making our community look a lot better," Grayling Township
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Hurricane Katrina evacuees settled in community

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The warmth of family and friends has helped a pair of men who escaped the devastation of Hurricane Katrina settle into the community.

Michael Hultgren and Bryen Miller escaped New Orleans just days after Hurricane Katrina, one of the deadliest and most costly natural disasters in U.S. history, pounded the Gulf Coast in August 2005.

Hultgren is the brother of Mary Ann, Andy, Joe, Pat and Rich Ferrigan.

Hultgren, who uses a wheel chair, and Miller, traveled by boat, military trucks, trains and busses as they made their way to Michigan.

The men lived in the St. Bernard parish, where many of the buildings have had to be razed and dozens of people lost their lives.

Miller ran a landscaping business in the Big Easy, and was helping remodel Hultgren's home in exchange for rent.

"I had a real nice house that I just got all fixed and remodeled for me," said Hultgren, who lived in New Orleans for nearly
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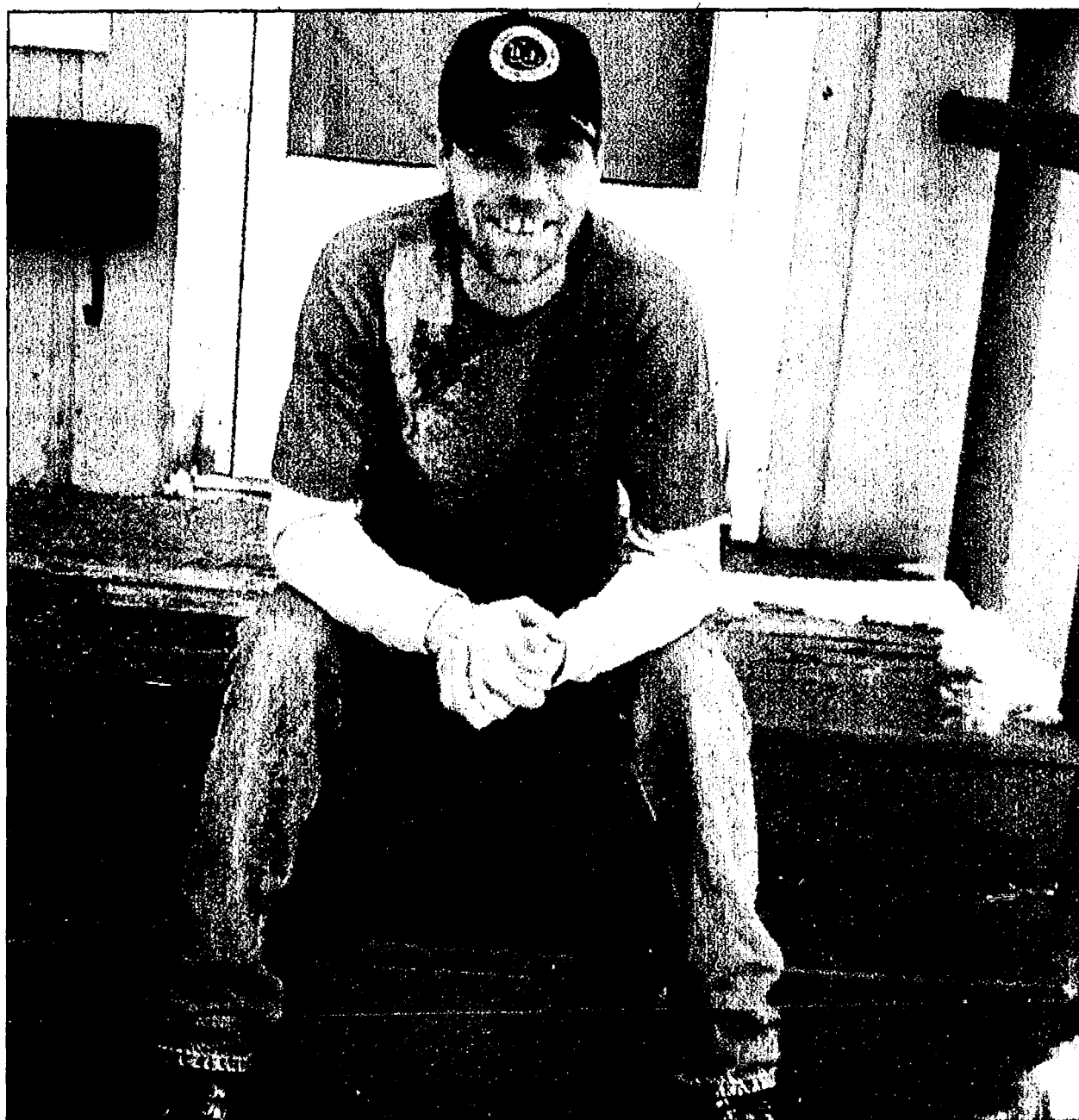


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Bryen Miller, 38, made his way back to New Orleans for a couple of months, before returning to Grayling in the spring.

Annual Thanksgiving Day meal to be served

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Volunteers and Camp Grayling officials are joining forces again this year to provide Thanksgiving meals to the needy and residents who can not be with their families for the holiday.

The 13th annual Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23 at the Camp Grayling Armory.

Dinner will be served to people at the armory. Volunteers will also deliver hundreds of meals to seniors and people who can not make it to the dinner.

Volunteers moved the holiday feast to Camp Grayling last year because the Knights of Columbus Hall was being used by St. Mary's Church while the church building underwent a \$2 million addition and renovation project. The Knight of Columbus Hall is still on the real estate market for future commercial development.

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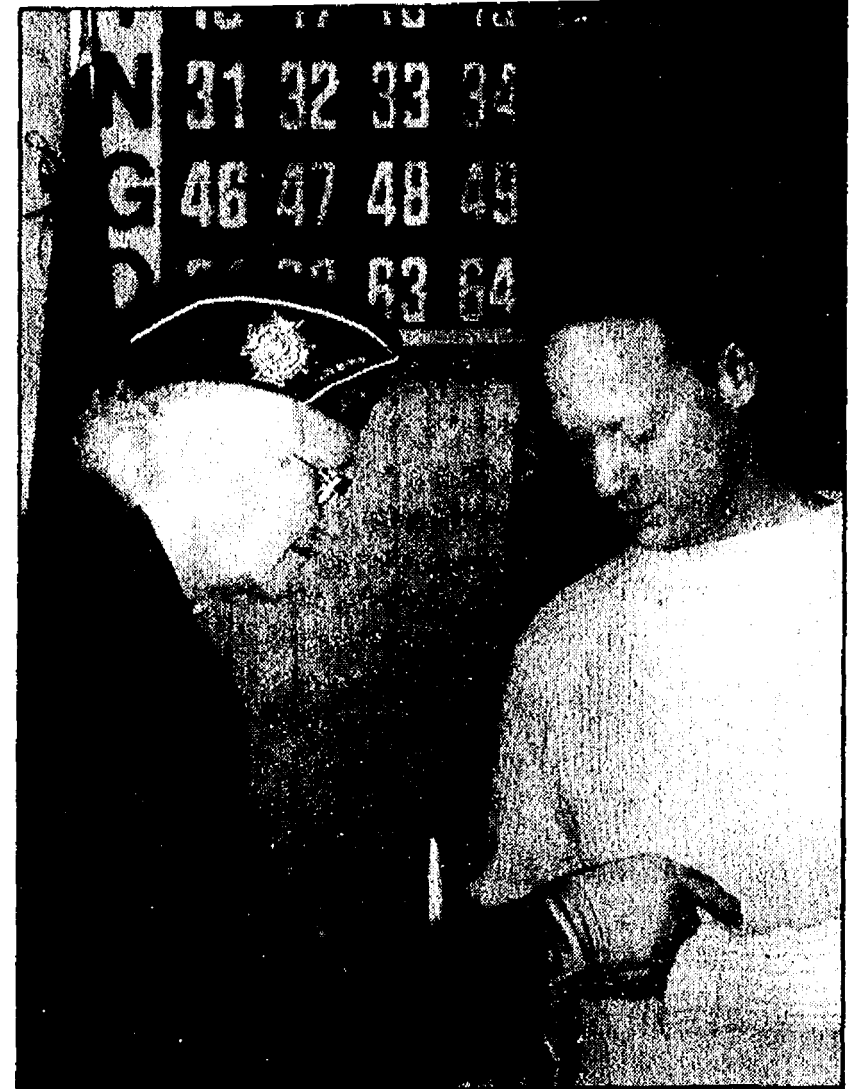
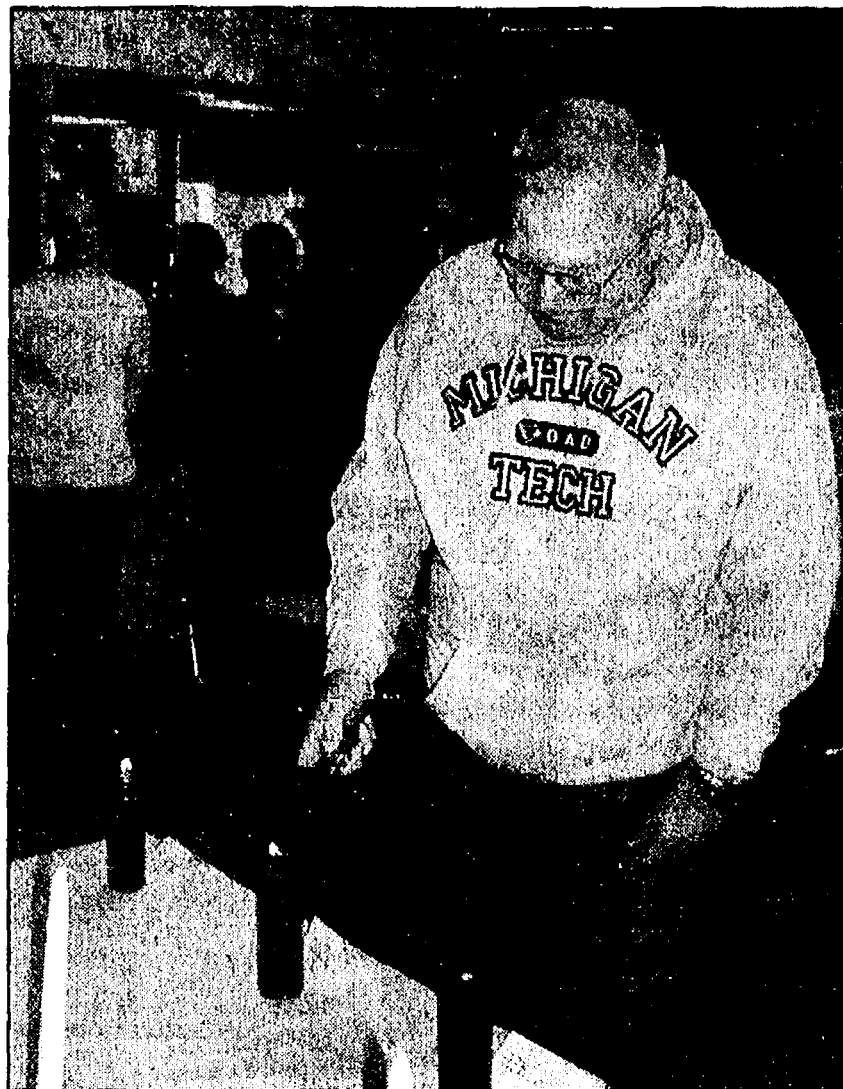


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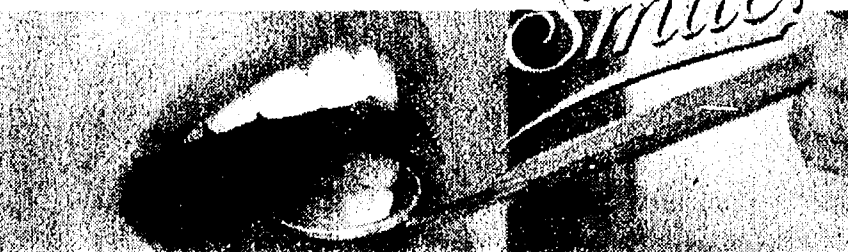
The C.W. Borchers Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3736 held its annual Veteran's Day ceremony at the American Legion Hall on Saturday. Above left, Sgt. 1st Class Larry Domick, a Vietnam veteran who is assigned to Camp Grayling's Maneuver Training Center, lights a candle during the ceremony meant to signify the wars and conflicts the country has fought. Above right, Sgt. 1st Class Brian Farrall, a member of the 1775th Military Police Company, receives a ribbon from Yetive Szkotnicki, the adjutant for the C.W. Borchers Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3736, to signify his service for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Below right, Lt. Col. John Gardiner, the director of operations and training at Camp Grayling, was the guest speaker for the ceremony. Gardiner, who served during Operation Desert Storm in the Air Force, talked about how the portrayal of soldiers in movies and television shows influences society's view of veterans.



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Grayling to host semifinal playoff football game

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School will host a Michigan High School Athletic Association semifinal playoff football game this Saturday between Saginaw Nouvel (10-0) and Suttons Bay (12-0), a contest that will earn the winner an opportunity to play for a Division 6 state championship at Ford Field in Detroit.

"We're pretty excited about being able to host a state semifinal game," said Doug Pummell, GHS athletic director. "It gives us a chance to showcase our facility and everything else we have to offer."

Pummell said the match between Saginaw Nouvel and

Suttons Bay should be a good one. Saginaw scored 56 points in its most recent game and Suttons Bay has posted eight shutouts this year, he said. Saginaw went to the state finals in 2003 and Suttons Bay went to the state finals in 2004.

The contest will be played at Grayling High School's Viking Stadium at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Tickets are \$6 each, and gates open at 11:30 a.m.

Pummell said the game could bring 4,000 to 6,000 people to the area, "depending on the weather."

"We expect a pretty big crowd," Pummell said. "We're excited about all the people coming to town and we're hoping it gives our businesses — gas

stations, restaurants, maybe even hotels — some extra business."

Grayling High School had to apply to host the game, and had to fulfill a variety of criteria, Pummell said, such as having adequate seating, a field in good condition, and a suitable location depending on which teams advanced to this point.

"Our grounds crew is working hard to get things done," Pummell said. "They've done a great job on the field this year."

The winner of the Saginaw Nouvel vs. Suttons Bay game will play the winner of Montague (8-4) vs. Inkster (11-1), a contest that will be played at Olivet College on Saturday, at Ford Field in Detroit for the Division 6 title.

School district sells office building

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The school district has been forced to cut over \$3.3 million over the past three years due to declining enrollment and increased operating expenses.

The enrollment for the current school year is at 1,892 students. That figure includes a loss of 62 students that were enrolled in school last spring. The district, however, gained an additional 22 new students for the current

year.

The net loss means the district will not receive \$430,000 from the state.

"Times are tough right now in public schools, and every year we have to try to make adjustments and account for the losses due to declining enrollment," Powers said. "We're just like every other school district in the state of Michigan."

The defeat of Proposal 5 at the

general election polls last week, which would have mandated state officials to earmark mandatory funding for schools, will further add to the budget woes, Powers said.

"That was another opportunity to help stabilize funding that won't materialize," Powers said. "Our goal is to maintain quality programming for our students and that is the school board's mission."

Annual Thanksgiving Day meal to be served

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The community dinner was initially organized by Therese and Skip Kaiser at the St. John's Lutheran Church in order to provide meals to people who could not host families for the holiday, or travel to visit with families.

Drivers braved icy and snow covered roads last year as they delivered meals.

"Everybody got their meal, and fortunately, no one went in the

ditch, so that was a blessing," Therese Kaiser said.

To schedule the delivery of a meal, contact Sally Golnick at 348-9418.

Volunteers who want to help prepare the meal or box meals up for delivery are encouraged to be at the armory after 8 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Special arrangements have been made with Camp Grayling security, instituted follow the Sept. 11

terrorist attacks, to allow volunteers and people attending the meal to be on the military base.

The Crawford County Transportation Authority is also making busses available for the dinner. To make arrangements for trips to and from Camp Grayling, call 348-8215 by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

For more information or to volunteer for the dinner, contact Therese Kaiser at 348-1674.

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30 years. "I knew I was never going back when I left there."

After helping Hultgren get established in Grayling, Miller made his way to Florida, where he stayed for a couple of months with family.

Miller, 38, made his way back to New Orleans for a couple of months, before returning to Grayling in the spring.

"There is a lot of work, but there is a lot of trash everywhere," Miller said. "It wasn't New Orleans for me."

Hultgren, 61, is a Vietnam veteran who served in the Navy. He was disabled after undergoing back surgery in 1998.

Hultgren bought the home he was renting in Grayling, and despite not being a fan of winter, plans to make his permanent

home in the community.

"The warmth of family has really made life good and I don't want to go back to New Orleans," Hultgren said. "It's great seeing my nieces and nephews grow up and I would have never had this opportunity if it hadn't been for the storm."

Hultgren enjoys making homemade beer in his new home.

"I don't have to work, but I do have to stay busy," he said.

Miller works on various construction jobs in the community.

Miller said he is anxious about his first winter in Northern Michigan, but had no immediate plans to leave the community.

"I'm a day-to-day person, but I am deep-rooted in the Ferrigan family," he said.

Miller said he appreciates the small town environment in Grayling and simple things like being able to leave his bike in front of his house for a few minutes.

"I enjoy not having to worry about everything," he said.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Michael Hultgren bought the home he was renting in Grayling, and despite not being a fan of winter, plans to make his permanent home in the community.

Ordinance enforcement officer Ok'd

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Supervisor Terry Wright said.

The zoning enforcement officer is expected to be on the job in January after going through the necessary training for the job.

Blight offenses in the township can result in a \$100 fine for a first-offense, \$250 fine for a second-offense and \$500 fine for each subsequent offense. Officials can also bypass issuing

tickets and take a person into court to address blight issues.

"We're not really interested in their money, we just want them to clean up their yards," Wright said.

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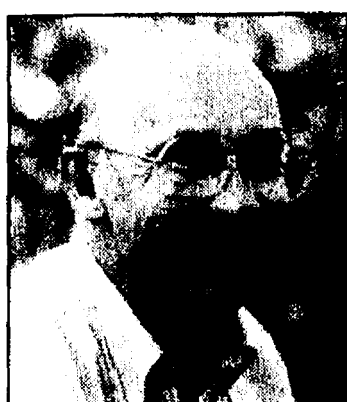
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

National voter unrest swept Michigan, too

ALL THROUGH the campaign for Michigan governor this year, the focus was on jobs and our lagging state economy.

About the only time President George Bush was mentioned was when Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm blamed Michigan's economic woes on the president and his policies. Iraq was never cited as an issue.

Meanwhile, across the country, what bothered voters most is the war in Iraq and the general direction of our country.

Although neither winning Gov. Granholm nor losing Republican Dick DeVos picked up on this national unhappiness, it was here in Michigan, too. The war in Iraq and not jobs largely determined who won and who lost.

Excepted were two popular Republican officer holders, whose administrative state jobs were well insulated from voter dissatisfaction.

Republican Secretary of State Teri Lynn Land and Attorney General Mike Cox easily won reelection. That's it for both of them, however. Term limits will open these jobs, plus the governor's chair, in 2010.

THE ALMANACK carried my personal predictions on Michigan's election. In most cases, I was pretty close, but I missed entirely the deep concern Michigan voters held about national issues.

I also missed on banning affirmative action in the state constitution. All other state proposals turned out as I predicted, but I thought Proposal Two would fail. It carried easily. Some late pre-election polling had shown it behind, but with many undecideds. Apparently they all went one way. One pollster cited the difficulty of getting a straight answer when the issue involves preju-

dices.

I predicted the race for governor would be close. It wasn't. The large Democrat bulge carried through the bottom of the ticket, carrying all eight Democratic candidates for state education jobs into office, discarding incumbents by the wayside.

The heavy Democratic sweep also won the state house of representatives, and came close to dumping the Republican senate majority. This was the Democratic surge, which I missed entirely.

The result is that Gov. Granholm will have one chamber in her corner, or at least not as antagonistic as the legislature has been so far during her tenure. The close state senate margin will require compromises, which probably is good for the state.

Let us also hope that posturing for the 2010 governor's race and other open jobs does not appear.

Much must be done through state government to help bring Michigan back into economic prosperity, and just as important, to rebuild the level of public services weakened by years of steady erosion in state support.

SEN. DEBBIE STABENOW won a second term in handy fashion, as I expected. Some senate watchers had her seat on the endangered list early in the running, but I never shared that thought.

Voters maintained the same partisan lineup in all 15 congressional districts. Interestingly, however, and in keeping with the Democratic sweep, the nine Republican winners received about 115,000 fewer votes than the six Democratic winners. Chalk up that tally primarily to partisan districting plans that create unevenness in the theory of one person-one vote.

Closest congressional race was in the 7th district, where newcomer Tim Walberg — who knocked off incumbent Joe Schwarz in the primary — eased past Democrat Sharon Renier by about 10,000 votes. Part of that skinny margin likely was due to Mr. Walberg's right wing bent on social issues.

IN THE NATIONAL congress, Democrats won both the house and senate as I predicted in print, which admittedly caused me to question my political sanity. Sometimes a hunch is better than reason.

That means President Bush and the new congress must cut a few deals for any progress in the final two years of the Bush administration.

The day after the election, Mr. Bush accepted the resignation of Donald Rumsfeld as defense secretary, after declaring a week or

so earlier that he hoped Mr. Rumsfeld would remain in the job for the rest of the Bush presidency. Whether the secretary was pushed or initiated the move is not certain, but it gives Mr. Bush an opening to move in new ways in the Middle East.

Back in the old days in Texas, a Republican Gov. George Bush enjoyed some success in dealing with an opposing Democratic legislature. He knows the art of deal-making, but he may be a bit rusty at it.

Early in his presidency, George Bush boasted that he is a uniter, not a divider — a claim that has yet to be proved on the national level.

Let us hope for the best, from both sides.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Statement was not correct

To the editor:

I would like to apologize to the Grayling Township voters, Mr. Terry Wright, Township Supervisor, the Grayling Township Board and any other concerned citizen regarding my letter published in the Crawford County Avalanche on Nov. 8, 2006 regarding the issue of Charter Township in which I state that the "Township Board could raise property taxes from 1 to 5 mills without having a vote by the township voters."

My statement was not correct and I deeply regret my misunderstanding of the article written by Dan Sanderson as his article was correct, I just did not read it correctly. I ask all township voters, Mr. Wright, township board and Mr. Sanderson to accept my apology.

I ask the Avalanche to retract any and all statement regarding the Charter Township.

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VIEWPOINT

By Cathy Van Wulfen, RN, Clinical Manager, Mercy Hospice

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

This month, Mercy Hospice celebrates the "faces of caring" who provide hospice and palliative care. These trained professionals and volunteers from our community offer pain and symptom control, dignity, and spiritual and emotional care for those with life limiting illnesses and their loved ones. Hospice and palliative care puts a "face" on quality end-of-life care, the faces of nurses, doctors, social workers, spiritual caregivers, homecare aids and volunteers who provide services and support to families during one of life's most challenging times.

Most of us remember someone who helped us during difficult times, a grandparent, a special teacher, even a stranger who became a friend. The recollec-

tions of these "faces of caring" bring comfort and calm in the midst of crisis.

Recently Sharon Northrup sent this note to Mercy Hospice staff, "I can't even begin to list the reasons why I couldn't have faced the last three months without your wonderful support and understanding. You made me feel as though I had a large family who's support lifted some of the burden off and gave me time to say goodbye to my husband."

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VIEWPOINT

By Cheryl Ruley, Secretary/Treasurer Animal Shelter of Crawford County

'Gimme Shelter \$10,000 Challenge' exceeded goal

A very nice lady from Ann Arbor gave us as a donation, the equivalent of what she would have spent on her annual vacation — \$4,000! Then, the employees of the Northland Area Federal Credit Union branch in Grayling brought us the proceeds of their month-long fund raising efforts culminating into their wonderful community service project for Make a Difference Day 2006... and make a difference they did!

We have surpassed the \$10,000 goal two months ahead of the deadline of Dec. 31, but we can't stop now. There is still a lot of work to do to keep "building" the building fund. If you or someone you know (or know of) would like to help us by keeping the "challenge" going, by all means have them contact me as soon as possible so I can continue our campaign full speed ahead. Leave a message at (989) 619-0473.

We are still selling our challenge buttons for a donation of \$1 or more to the building fund and we will continue to accept donations to the building fund until it is paid for... the sooner the better for the sake of the animals. Button money will be matched and they are available at 7-11, the Bloomin' Grape Deli and Xpress Copy.

As you probably have figured out, our daily operations donations are down a bit because most people are designating their donations to the building fund. This is a bit straining on our budget as ALL utility bills have increased in 2006 even though we have taken extra measures to keep the costs down. So, here are ways you can help:

1. Put your change in a dog house collection box.
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deposit beverage containers at the shelter. We have redeemed about \$400 worth in 2006. If you hate to take those darned things to the store, let one of our volunteers do it and help the animals!

4. Visit us at the upcoming Christmas Walk on Saturday, Nov. 18 and buy something. We have a big variety of pet gift baskets, note cards and hand-crafted seasonal items for sale.

5. Pet photos with Santa will be taken earlier that day from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the former Heirloom Antique Mall. Adopt one (or more) of our wonderful furry friends awaiting adoption. If you would like to give a new loving home to two wonderful cats, please consider Canta and Gidget. They have been waiting almost a year to be adopted. They have made two trips to the Detroit Zoo for the big Meet Your Best Friend events, but have not been adopted. They are really sweet kitties and they need to be adopted together. They have been cagemates for several months now and we believe there would be broken hearts if they were separated.

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Please feel free to write to me with any questions.

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Early Deadlines!
Avalanche publishing early for Thanksgiving holiday!

The Crawford County Avalanche will publish on Tuesday, Nov. 21 so newsstand buyers and our local subscribers will receive the November 23rd issue before the Thanksgiving holiday.

The deadline for all display ads is 5 pm Thursday, Nov. 16, to be considered for the Nov. 23th issue. Community news items and classified display ads must be turned in by noon Friday, Nov. 17. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by noon, Monday, Nov. 20.

The Avalanche will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and re-open at 9 am Friday, Nov. 24

BRIEFS

Thanksgiving dinner to be held

The Senior Center Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Nov. 21, at 5 p.m., at St. Mary's Family Center, 708 Peninsular. Turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, rolls, and pumpkin pie will be served. Entertainment will be by the Gaylord Harmonie Meisters Barbershop Singers. Cost is \$5 and should be purchased in advance at the senior center, 308 Lawndale, Grayling. For information or transportation, contact Elouise Mize at (989)348-7123.

COA to host speaker

The Senior Center, 308 Lawndale St., will present Terri Melia from Country Village Apartments, on Nov. 20, following the 5 p.m. dinner. She will be presenting on new, affordable senior living apartments that are available in our area. For information or transportation call Elouise Mize at 348-7123.

Republican committee to meet

The Crawford County Republican Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting and County Convention on Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling.

Straits Area Ostomy Assoc. to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m., in the back doctor's dining room at Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. Call 989-821-5721 for information.

Church to hold annual bazaar

St. John Lutheran Church, 710 Spruce St, will hold its annual bazaar and bake sale on Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Handcrafted gifts, white elephant table, Christmas decorations and a raffle will be available, along with homemade soup, desserts and beverages. Call Bobbie Crane at 348-7127 for information.

GHS choir to have Gingerbread Shop

GHS choirs will have a Gingerbread Shop at the AuSable Primary School on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. for children to purchase gifts for family and friends. Canned goods, toys, toiletry items, school supplies and monetary donations are also needed to help raise funds for their America Signs/ Washington D.C. trip in April. Call Paula or Dawn at 344-8964 for information.

Pet photos with Santa this Saturday

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County will be offering pet photos with Santa at the old Heirloom Antique Mall, Michigan Ave, on Saturday, Nov. 18, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment necessary. Cost is \$20 donation for a package of photos. All proceeds to benefit the Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

Help Center is need of items

The Christian Help Center is still in need of winter jackets for children. No adult jackets are needed at this time. Crawford County families may sign up for Christmas help on Nov. 15.

Cell phone Do Not Call List

All cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls, you will be charged for these calls. To prevent this, call 888-382-1222 from your cell phone. It is the National Do Not Call List. It only takes a minute and will block your calls for five years. You may also go to www.donotcall.gov or <http://www.donotcall.gov>.

GRACE Center to present seminar

GRACE Center will present a seminar "Embracing the Christmas Within," a journey to a joyous and less stressful holiday season, on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West, Grayling. Learn how to manage your stress and enjoy the holidays. Cost is \$15 per person or 2 /\$20. For information call 989-348-2544.

Church to hold Thanksgiving service

The Bear Lake Christian Church, M-72 west, Kalkaska, will have a community Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. The offering will go to KARE in Kalkaska and the Crawford County health center in Grayling.

Actors needed for holiday production

Each year during the holiday season, Wellington Farm, USA produces a unique experience that is continuing to grow in popularity with each year. Drawing family groups from all across Michigan, "A Place Called Wellington" appears to be on its way to becoming a state wide holiday tradition. The experience is unique because it combines a visit to a historic farm, an old fashioned sleigh ride and a theatrical production into one experience. This year the presentation will take place on Dec. 15, 16 and 17.

This year will be the 6th year of the presentation billed as the

"Farm By Lantern Light." Many of the actors return each year to re-create the local personages that appear in the production. For the 2006 production however, Wellington Farm, USA is in need of one mature male to play one of the prominent roles and seven people, male or female ranging in age from 16 to 25.

Anyone interested in being in this year's production should call the farm at 348-5187 or plan to attend open auditions which will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18. The auditions will be held at Wellington Farm, 6940 S. Military Road, Grayling.

NCMCF accepting grant applications

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) is accepting applications for the 2006 common grant cycle. The YAC (Youth Advisory Council) grant deadline is Dec. 31. Applications must be sent to the NCMCF office at P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707, and must be postmarked by the deadline date.

Applicants may request up to \$2,500 for projects and programs that benefit youth under the age of 18 in Crawford, Ogemaw, and/or Oscoda Counties. \$300 mini-grants are also available. Interested applicants should visit www.ncmcf.org to view requirements and download an application packet, or contact the NCMCF office at 877-354-6881.

Many non-profit organizations will participate in Christmas Walk

During the annual Christmas Walk, on Saturday, Nov. 18, many non-profit organizations will be participating. While strolling downtown visit some of these organizations:

The Devereaux Memorial Library will be honoring our troops, with a Wizard of Oz twist, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. There will be caroling by the piano, cookie decorating and eating too, stories and free photos with Dorothy and Toto.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, will have their Live Nativity from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., and from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., there will be cookie walks, gifts and goodies in the church narthex.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church Youth Group will hold their second annual "Let's Paddle Hunger" drive. The youth group will be trying to fill an entire canoe with non-perishable food items that will benefit the Christian Help Center.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County will be holding a fund raiser on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Heirloom Antique Mall, starting with pet photos with Santa from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., on a first come

first serve basis. During the Christmas Walk, they will have a big variety of pet gift baskets, note cards, wreaths and swags, and handcrafted seasonal items for sale.

The Grayling Promotional Association is sponsoring the 2006 Festival of Trees at the Grayling Mini Mall through Sunday Nov. 19. On the evening of Nov. 18, the trolley will be making trips to the mall during the annual GUDA Christmas Walk. There are over 20 trees to be raffled off, which have been decorated by local businesses and other participants for your viewing pleasure. The drawing for the trees and other great items, which have been donated, will be on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m.

The Grayling Youth Booster Club will be selling their February 2007 Lotto tickets in front of the Avalanche office. Ticket cost \$10 each and are good for the whole month of February 2007. These tickets make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers. For more details check out their booth.

The Grayling High School choir will be gift wrapping at the X-Press Copy Shop.

Consumers Energy alerts residents to potential damage

During this firearm deer hunting season, Consumers Energy is alerting residents to the potential damage and inconvenience gunshot vandalism can cause. In the past, these types of incidents have resulted in the loss of electric service to thousands of homes and businesses.

To date in 2006, more than 32 gunshot vandalism incidents have been reported. Gunshot damage to the utility's electric distribution system has already resulted in the loss of service to 4,353 homes and businesses for an average duration of 4.6 hours. In 2005, more than 7,002 customers were affected by gunshot incidents resulting in an average outage duration of 3.1 hours.

"In some instances, customers on electric life-support systems can be endangered by outages caused by gunshot vandalism damage," said Timothy J. Pietryga, senior public information director for the utility. "In addition to the inconvenience caused by loss of electricity, businesses and their employees can experience economic losses."

Consumers Energy offers cash rewards of varying amounts for information leading to the arrest and arraignment of those who willfully cause power outages. Information can be given to local law enforcement agencies or the utility's asset protection department at 1-800-760-3295.

"Vandals give responsible

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Nov. 12 of \$25 each: Jody Coors, Dick Kammer, Tammy Osborne, Dodie Steffes, and Dennis Burger.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle on Nov. 10 for \$300 is: Mike Branch, of Grayling.

Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" Raffle winner is Jenny Dollar.

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Annual animal shot clinic held



Photos by Dan Sanderson

The Crawford County Animal Shelter held its annual low cost shot and vaccination clinic in the former Heirloom Antiques building in downtown Grayling on Saturday. Donna Simons, a veterinarian from Elmira, and her staff vaccinated 105 dogs and 20 cats. Animal Shelter officials also sold 86 dog licenses at the clinic. Left, Simons and her assistant, Larry Swan, give Scotty, a poodle owned by Connie Koffman, his annual shots. Above, Allie Mosel brought her cat, Toby, to the clinic to get shots from Simons.

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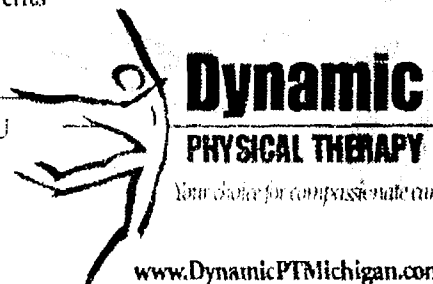
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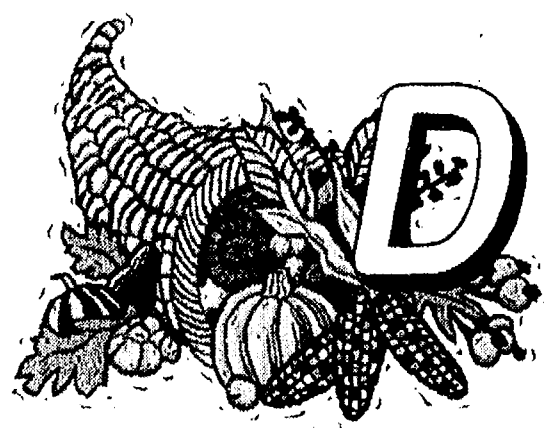
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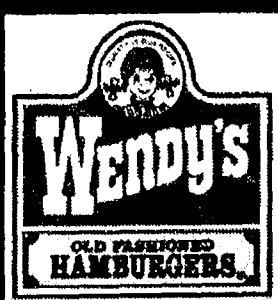
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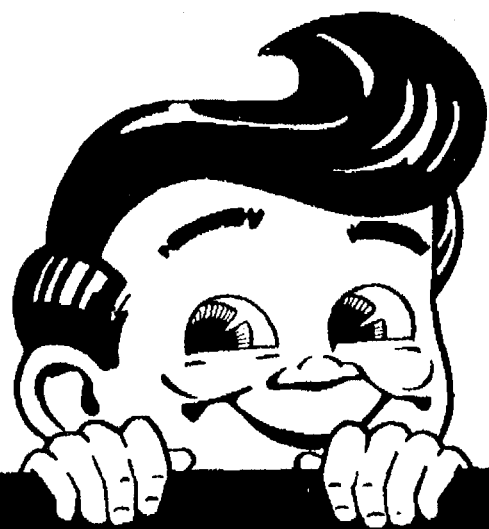
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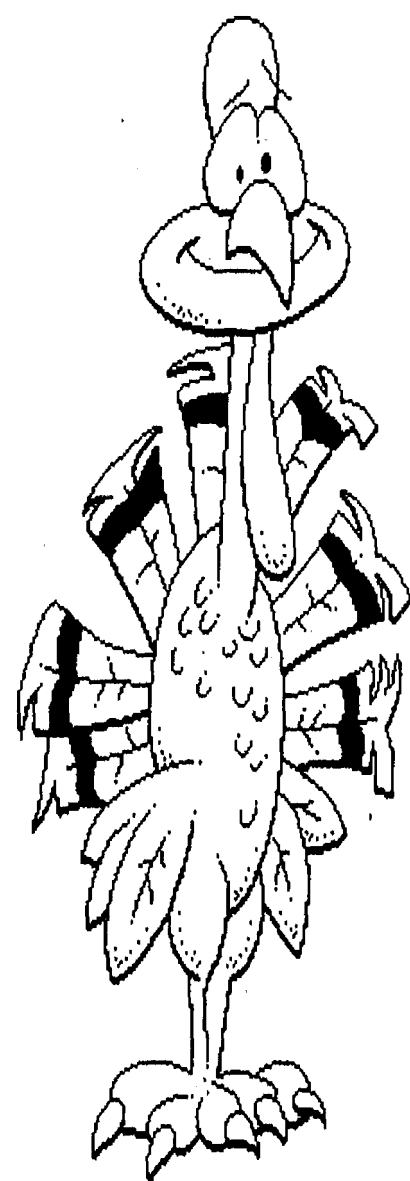


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Spending on Pure Michigan ads aims at out-of-state visitors

by Nicole Hale
Capital News Service

LANSING — Travel Michigan is revamping its advertising and public relations campaign to attract tourists to the state, thanks to a grant from the 21st Century Jobs Fund and a new branding strategy called Pure Michigan.

The \$15 million grant will be spent over two years and raises the state promotion budget for tourism to \$13.2 million in 2006 and 2007, as opposed to the usual \$5.7 million a year from the Legislature.

The money is paying for a campaign that is targeting new markets, such as Cincinnati, Milwaukee and southern Ontario.

The campaign includes re-labeling Michigan Tourism. The previous campaign was called

Great Lakes, Great Times.

"The reason we developed a new brand was because we're going to a new market," said George Zimmermann, vice president of Travel Michigan. "And because we're going to a new market, branding is basically putting the most compelling authentic positioning of your product in the marketplace."

The goal of Pure Michigan is to become as pervasive as the I Love New York campaign, according to Zimmermann.

"Pure Michigan means our spectacular outdoor and recreational activities. That's Pure Michigan. So it's pure in that sense," he said.

"But it also means things that are authentic in Michigan, including destinations and attractions like the Henry Ford in Dearborn and Mackinac Island.

"Those are Pure Michigan because they're authentically Michigan. So it's really the com-

bination of those two things that constitute Pure Michigan branding," he said.

Irene Geiss-Wilson, executive director of the Grayling Visitor's Bureau, said the campaign is on the right track and the voice in the ads is relaxing.

"I think Pure Michigan is generic enough that it can fit everybody no matter how big or how small the community," she said. "The Great Lakes, Great Times wasn't working as well for us because we're not on the Great Lakes. So I believe that Pure Michigan is something that is going to fit the whole state rather than just sections of it."

Pure Michigan focuses on all major cities across the state.

The campaign was proposed in January 2006 and began airing out of state in the three new markets on Memorial Day weekend. Travel Michigan brought the ad campaign in state in August.

The concept so far seems to be

working, said Zimmermann. The statewide hotel occupancy rate last August was up over the 2005 level. Also the volume on Travel Michigan's Web site is up 50 percent over 2005.

According to Travel Michigan, visitors spend about \$17.5 billion a year in the state. In turn, that money employs 193,000 people and places almost \$1 billion in the state treasury.

"Tourism creates jobs. Tourism jobs can never be outsourced," said Zimmermann. "Because if you can build the demand for Michigan hotel rooms, restaurants and gift shops and all the things that visitors do, those jobs can never go anywhere else, by definition. So as that demand grows, those jobs are created here and they'll be here."

Travel Michigan is a division of the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and the state's official promotion agency for tourism.

Scrap tires fuel power plant for 25,000 homes

by Jeffrey Joe Pe-Aguirre
Capitol News Service

Bud Dings describes himself as a bottom-feeder, and proud of it.

Dings is the plant manager of Flint-based Environmental Rubber Recycling, which processes scrap tires into rubber chips used to fuel wood-fired power plants.

"We're taking garbage that nobody wants and turning it into electricity, one of the most valuable commodities," Dings said. "We're very proud of what we do."

"Our business reduces our country's dependence on fossil

fuels, makes the landscape more beautiful, and eliminates environmental and health hazards."

The company grinds about 10,000 used tires every day into thin 2-square-inch rubber chips about half an inch thick. The rubber chips are then added to wood chips used by the Grayling Generating Station, in northern Michigan, to generate enough electricity for about 25,000 homes and businesses.

The rubber makes the wood chips burn more efficiently and consequently reduces the amount of wood needed by the plant to generate electricity, Dings said.

Environmental Rubber Recycling is one of 27 companies registered with the Scrap Tire Program of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) trying to rid the state of illegal scrap tire piles that pose both fire and health hazards.

"We're very particular about the piles near residential areas," said Steve Sliver, chief of the department's storage tank and solid waste section. "Old tires can be a breeding site for mosquitoes and can fuel large fires, making them a

public threat."

The DEQ program has cleaned up 16 million tires since 1993, but there are about 11 million left in illegal piles statewide, he said, adding that the department expects to clear about 3 to 4 million tires next year.

"Emerging markets for recycled tires have helped in shrinking piles statewide," Sliver said. "When there are marketable uses for used tires, there's an incentive for people to turn them into commodities instead of just dumping the tires illegally."

Data from the DEQ Lansing district office show that since 1993, the program has cleaned up almost 1.2 million tires from piles in Clinton, Ingham, Eaton, Gratiot, Shiawassee, Lapeer and Livingston counties.

A \$1.50 surcharge on vehicle title fees pays for the program. Companies can apply for grants to clear dump sites and to develop new products out of used tires.

For this year, \$3.9 million is allocated for the program, and the DEQ expects to spend \$3 to \$4 million for the cleanup effort next year, Sliver said.

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New duo heads up operations at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts

While one door closed earlier this year, a new one recently opened at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on the main campus of Kirtland Community College, near Roscommon.

The husband-wife team of Gary and Shirley Carton served as KCPA's director and youth theater director, respectively, for years. But, in July 2006, the couple took their final bows and exited stage left, as they say, to accept new challenges in Nevada.

That opened the door for Don Wray and Beth Petrik to take center stage. Wray, who had served as the part-time technical director at KCPA since 2004, was recently named the facility's new director. And Petrik was promoted from her previous part-time position at the KCPA ticket office to the role of full-time support specialist.

"It's good to get back into a position where I can promote the arts," said Wray, who lives near the KCC campus with his wife, Kathleen, a transfer/counseling support specialist at Kirtland, and one of their three grown children.

Wray graduated from Western Michigan University in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in music education. That led him to a 20-year career in public education as a band and choir director.

Petrik, who attended Barry University in Florida, moved to



Don Wray has been appointed as director for the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts and Beth Petrik will serve as the full-time support specialist at the ticket office.

the Mio area with her husband, Bob, a graduate of KCC's nursing program, in 1995, where they live with their three children. Wray said Petrik will help with KCPA's promotional efforts, coordinate the youth theater program and volunteers, as well as assist him during performances. "I'm doing a little bit of everything," Petrik added. "In the theater world, you need to do that."

One thing that Wray does not want to change is KCPA's longstanding tradition of providing quality entertainment for its patrons.

"Gary and Shirley had a tradi-

tion of excellence here," Wray said. "One of the goals Beth and I have is to continue that trend of masterful performances."

"We want to make sure we're bringing in the best acts possible to this part of the state," he added. "But we want to make it family friendly, hosting shows where parents want to bring their children and friends."

Wray said another goal is to also make the facility more student friendly, which could translate into hosting different types of acts geared more toward the college's student population.

"It's the idea of making sure

the experiences people have here are very positive experiences," he said.

The recent promotions of both also open the possibility for new faces to join the KCPA staff, as KCC officials plan to fill Wray and Petrik's former positions in the near future.

For more information about the KCPA or upcoming performances, call the KCPA Ticket Office at 989-275-6777 or visit online at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa.

R.O.O.C. Resale Shop closing for the winter

The Resale Shop operated by R.O.O.C., Inc. in Roscommon will be closing for the winter. The last day of operations will be on Wednesday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. During the winter months, donations will still be accepted at the rear doors of R.O.O.C., Inc.

The R.O.O.C. building is located at the top of Pioneer Hill and donations are accepted anytime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The Resale Shop will re-open in the spring.

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Friday, Nov 17 - Lunch - pork riblet on a bun, baked beans, coleslaw, and fresh fruit salad. No Dinner. 12 p.m. Lovells Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Medicare part D presentation - Lovells, 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Sunday, Nov 19 - All you can eat pancake brunch - 9:30 a.m. -

1:30 p.m. Pancakes, sausage and eggs, fruit bar, dessert, juice, coffee and milk. \$5 per person.

Monday, Nov. 20 - Lunch - oven fried chicken, hot German potato salad, green beans, and mixed fruit. Dinner - pork chops, glazed sweet potatoes, asparagus, and pears. 9:30 a.m. COA board meeting, 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5 p.m. speaker - Country Village Apts., 5:30 p.m. Yahtzee.

Tuesday, Nov. 21 - Lunch - Shepherd's pie, zucchini, cauliflower, and grapes. Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Mary's - Turkey, mashed pota-

totes with gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, rolls, and pumpkin pie. 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 5 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Mary's Family Center.

Wednesday, Nov 22- Lunch- BBQ beef on bun, coleslaw, corn, and mandarin oranges. Dinner - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, smothered squash, and cherry crisp. 10 a.m. line dancing.

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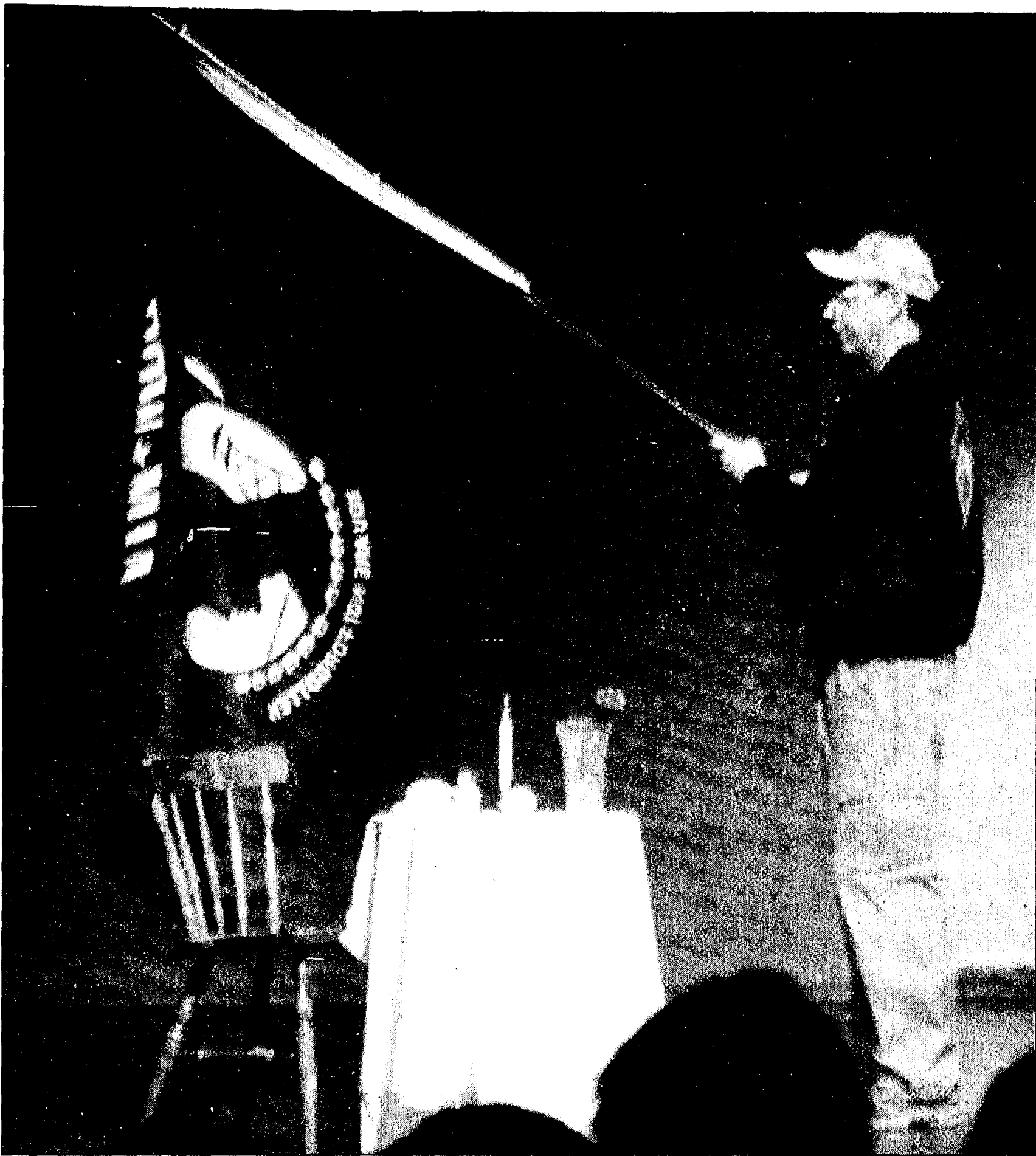


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The students at Grayling High School held their annual Veteran's Day Ceremony on Friday. Above, Sgt. 1st Class John Welt, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company which returned from a mission in Iraq earlier this year, holds a POW/ MIA flag while a poem called "The Empty Chair" is read in remembrance of soldiers who have not returned from wars.

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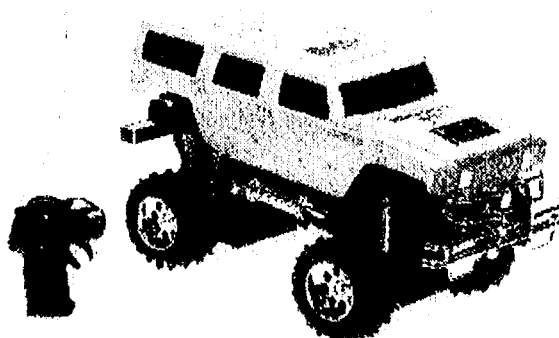
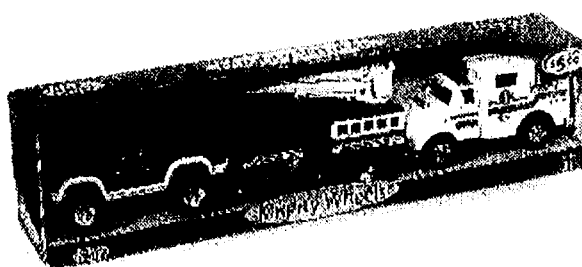
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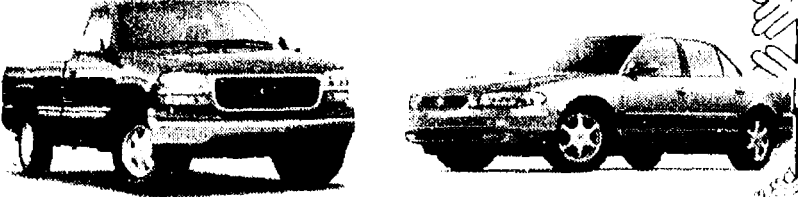
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Kristi Wargo and Greg Warren

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Greg is the son of Linda Jerove, of Frederic and Douglas Warren, of Port Huron.

Cody Verlinde, of Frederic, served as best man, and Michelle Pyle, of Grayling, served as maid of honor.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of Nov. 5 - Nov. 12

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We would like to thank all of those who helped with the Jam Session/Silent Auction which was held on Sunday, Nov 5, in memory of Ryan Davis and Josh Mastej. Without all of the people and businesses that donated (and the list is very long) great products and services, this benefit would not have been possible. Also, a big thank you to the Gray Rock staff and all of the volunteers for their hard work and also to the wonderful musicians that performed. You guys all rock!

We have raised over \$4,000 so far which is going to an athletic fund set up in the boy's names at Grayling High School to help our future athletes. If you would like to make a donation, contact the Grayling High School Athletic Dept., or drop a check off at the Gray Rock Cafe.

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The family and friends of Greg Nelson, would like to thank all of the people who volunteered their time to make the breakfast benefit such a huge success. They would also like to thank the following for their generous donations:

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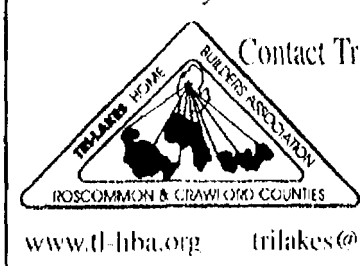
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Vikings end 2006 regular season with 43-35 loss to Roscommon

Grayling's varsity girls basketball team falls to Bucks on Thursday at GHS

Grayling High School's varsity girls basketball team ended its 2006 regular season with a 43-35 loss to the Roscommon

Bucks last Thursday at GHS.

Grayling trailed by six points at halftime, 20-14. The Bucks outscored GHS 14-6 in the third period to lead 34-20 going into the final eight minutes of play. The Vikings outscored Roscommon 15-9 in the fourth period, but lost by eight, 43-35.

Leading scorers for GHS included: Abby Wheeler, 10 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists; Ashley Bindschatel, 9 points, 2 assists; Laura Boylan, 6 points, 4 rebounds; Jessie Baker, 3 points, 3 steals; Ashley Feldhauser, 2 points, 8 rebounds; Annie Melroy, 2

points, 6 assists; Rachel Doremire, 2 points; Gabby Calkins, 1 point.

"Another strong defensive effort tonight. We outscored Roscommon 28-20 from the field. Unfortunately for us we got whistled for 33 fouls compared to 15 fouls for

Roscommon. This led to Roscommon shooting 49 free throws, while we shot 15 free throws. It's pretty tough to recover from that kind of discrepancy and I am proud of the way our girls battled," Coach L.J. Mead.

On Monday, Nov. 13, the

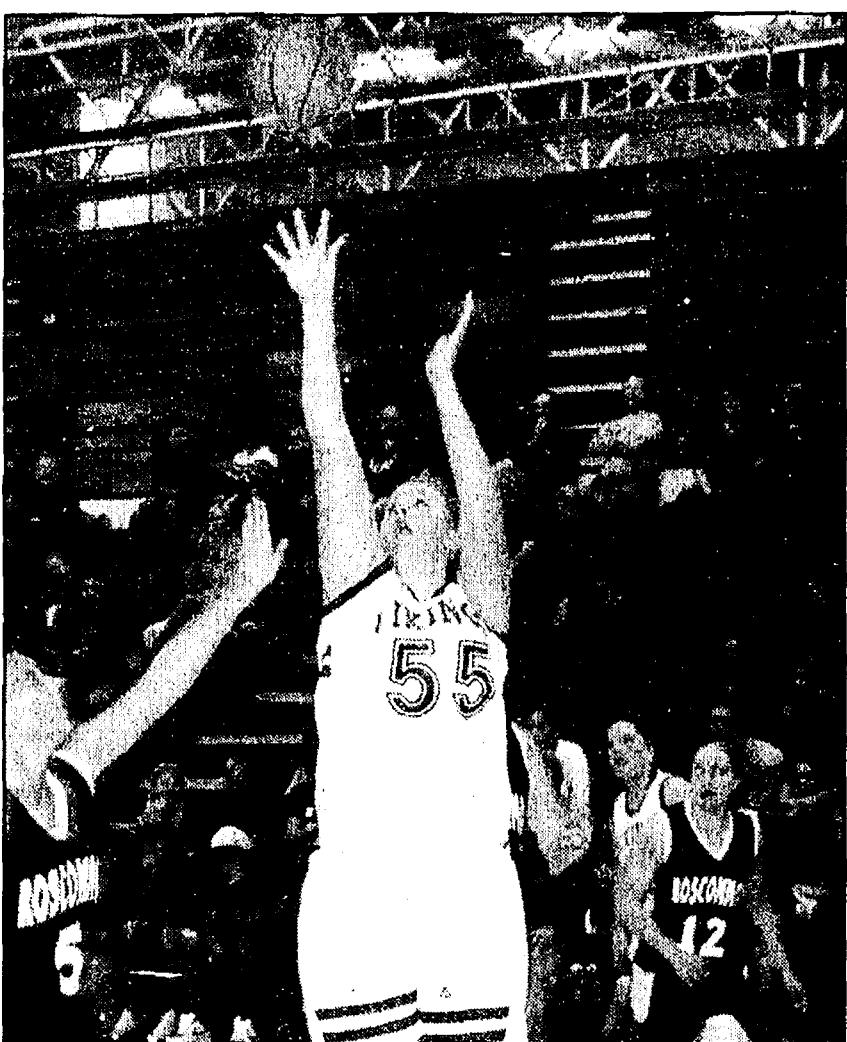
Vikings ended their 2006 season with a 71-23 loss to Cheboygan in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's District #63-B tournament. For more on Grayling's district game, see next week's *Crawford County Avalanche*.



Abby Wheeler drives to the basket for Grayling vs. Roscommon on Thursday.



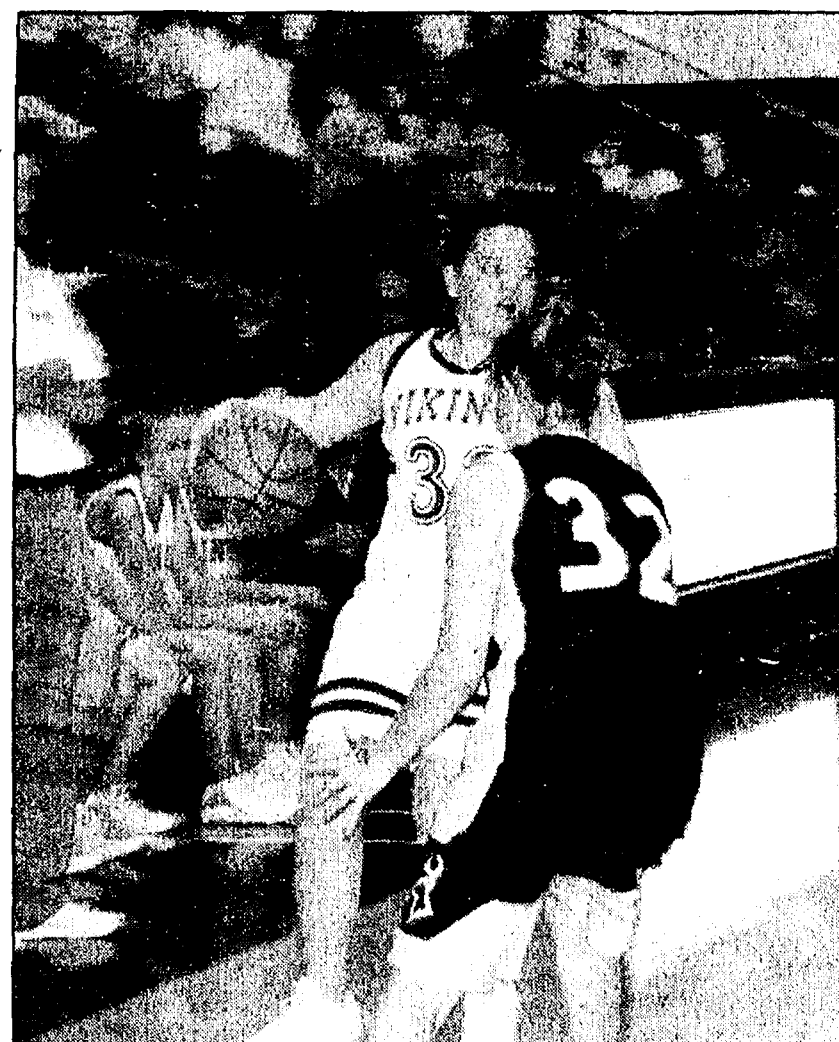
Coach L.J. Mead talks to his players during a time-out last Thursday at Grayling High School during the game against the Roscommon Bucks.



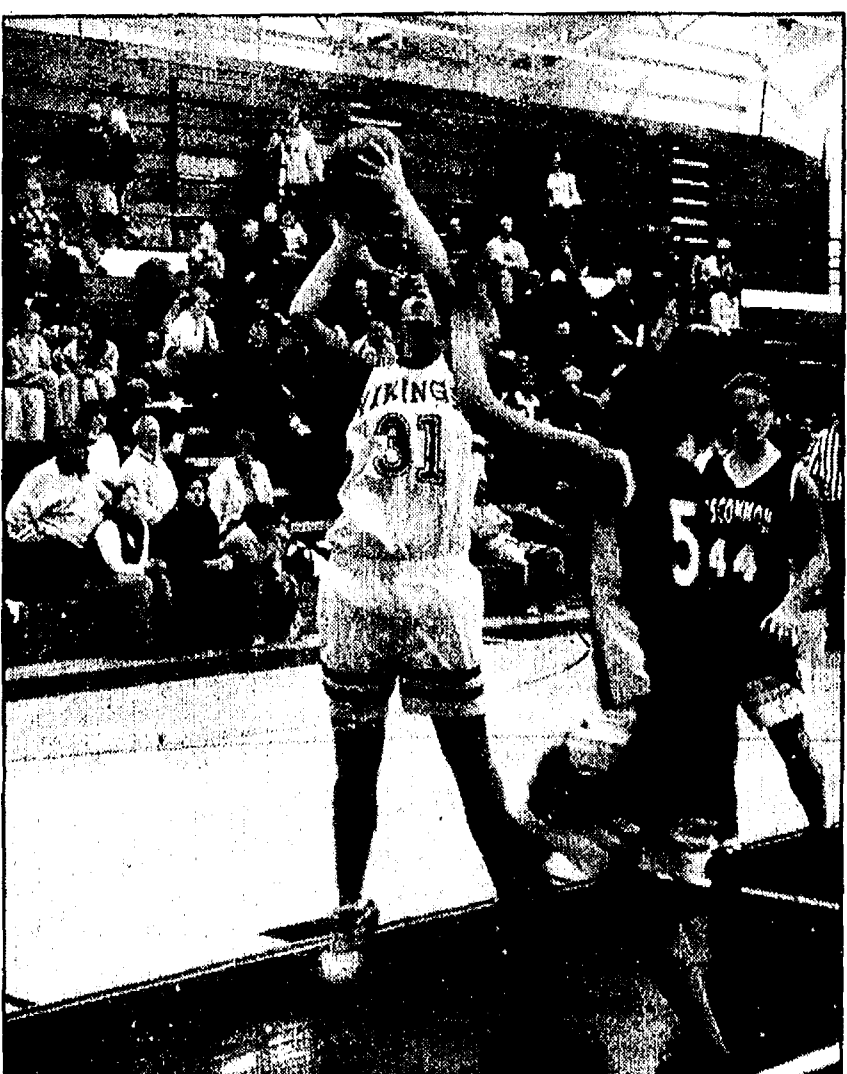
Laura Boylan shoots for the Vikings against Roscommon.



Gabby Calkins dribbles the ball for Grayling vs. the Bucks.



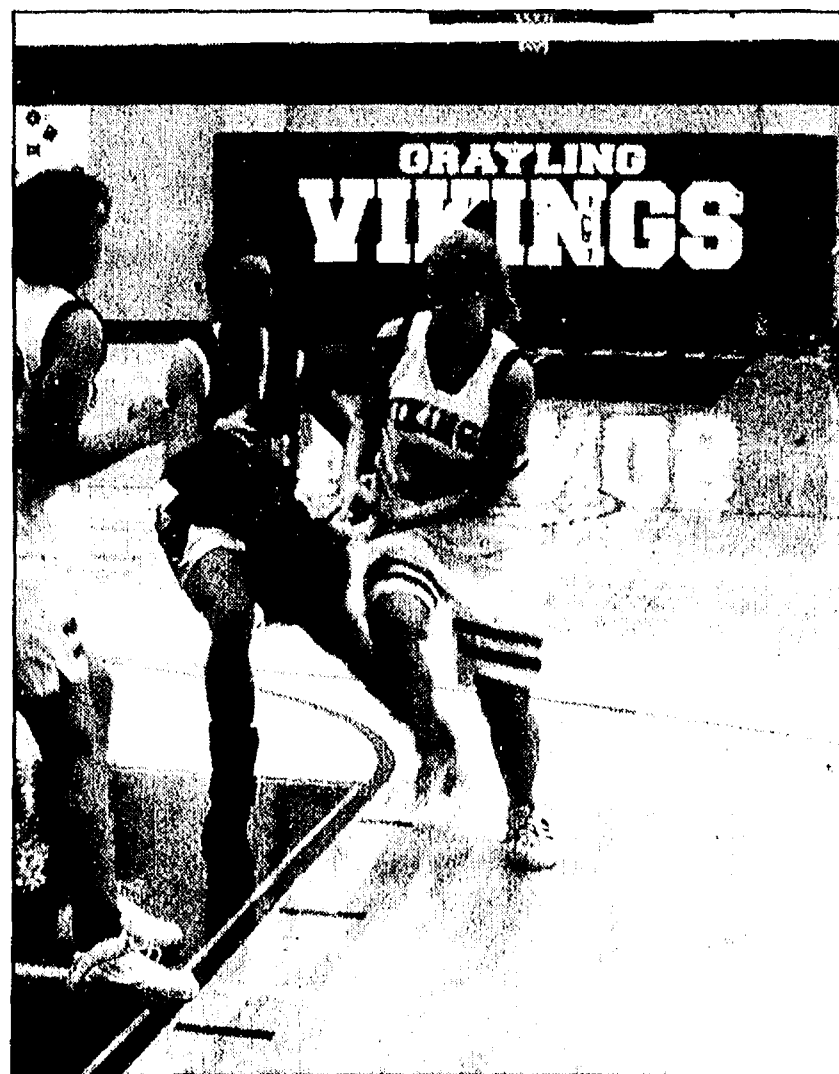
Ashley Bindschatel controls the ball for GHS on Thursday night.



Ashley Feldhauser shoots the ball for Grayling.




Monica Peters sets up for a rebound on a free throw.



Annie Melroy dribbles the ball for the Vikings.

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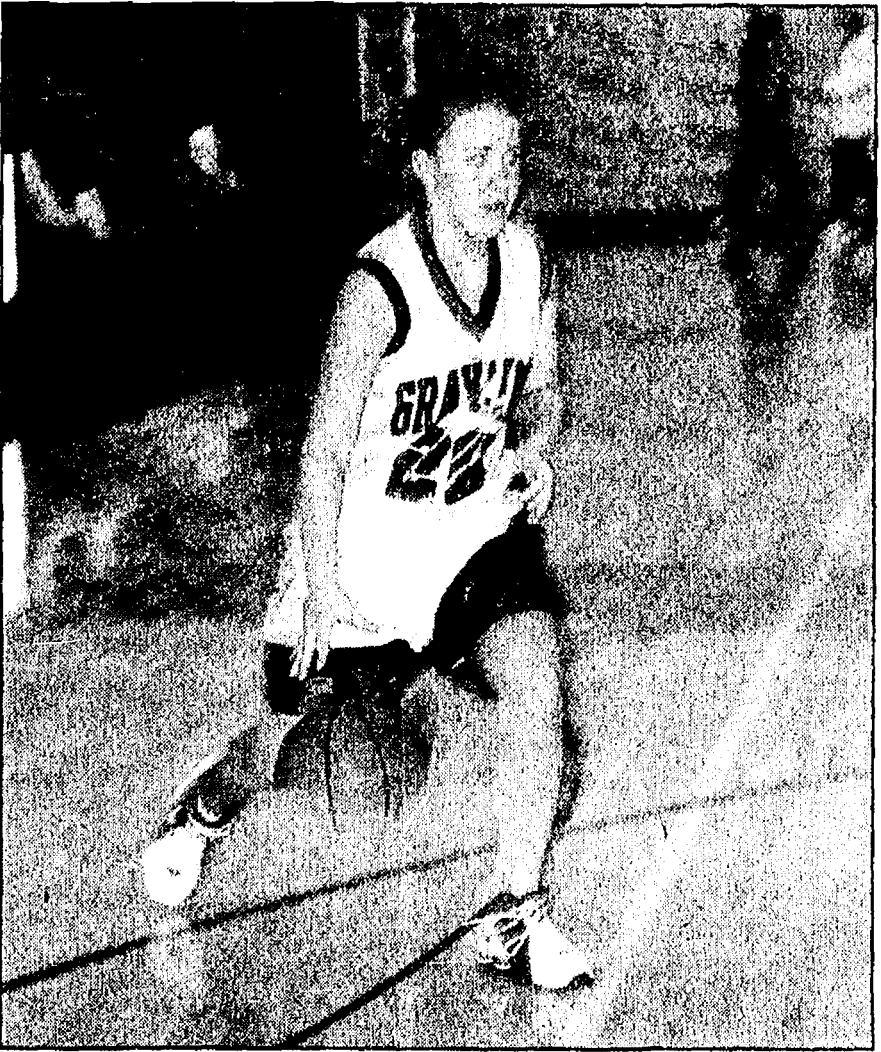
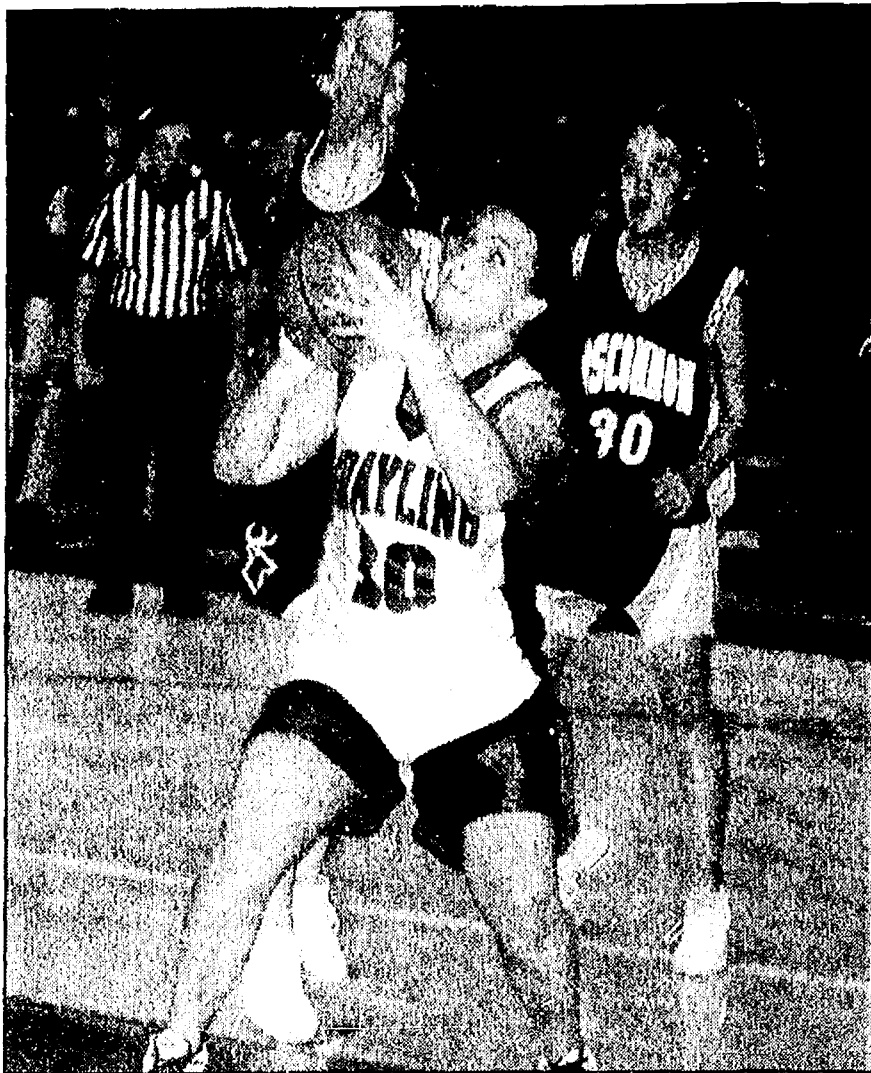


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Hailey McMahon (left) and Alyssa Lewis (right) shoot the ball for the JV Vikings during their game against Roscommon last Thursday.



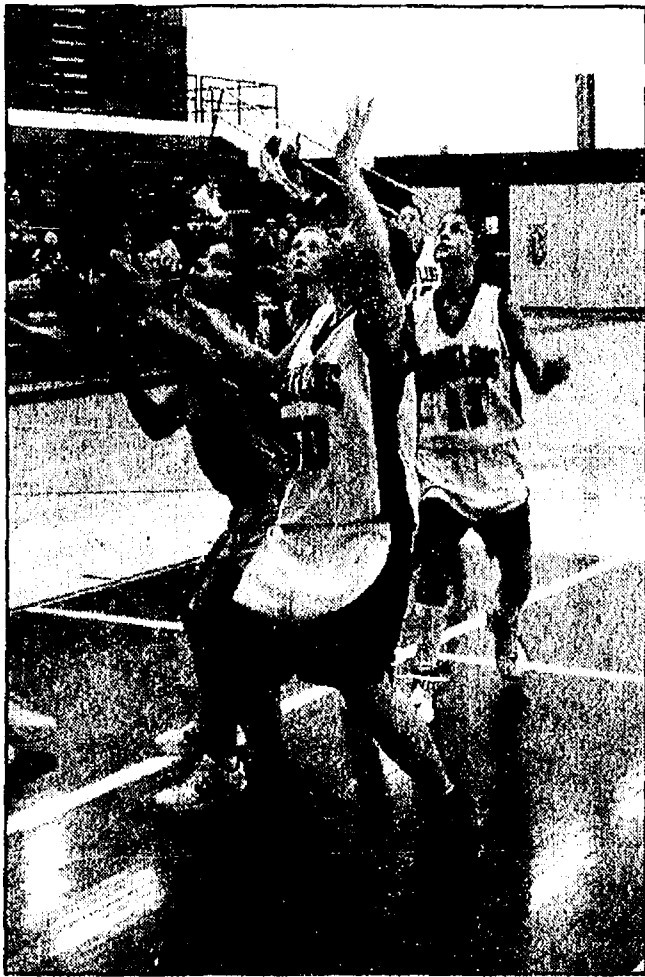
Jessica Bindschatel (left) and Samantha Schreiber (right) handle the ball for Grayling vs. the Roscommon Bucks on Thursday night.



JV basketball team ends year with 29-24 loss to Bucks

The GHS junior varsity girls basketball team lost by five points, 29-24, to the visiting Roscommon Bucks last Thursday in Grayling's 2006 season finale.

The Bucks led 10-7 after one quarter. The score was tied at halftime (17-17), and the teams were also tied (21-21) going into the fourth period. Roscommon outscored Grayling 8-3 in the final eight minutes to win the game.



Elizabeth Dandy (left) and Krista Schultz (right) battle for position in the key on rebound opportunities.



GMS GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Grayling Middle School girls basketball program concluded its 2006 season with an awards banquet last Monday.

This year's program had 36 girls on three teams -- 8th grade "green," 8th grade "white," and a 7th grade squad. The 8th grade "green" team was coached by Brooke Laurent, the 7th grade team was coached by Judy Umfor, and Laurent and Umfor co-coached the 8th grade "white" team.

"All girls that began the program continued with their commitment and finished the season. The teams were eager to learn and disappointed when scheduling conflicts cancelled practice. Because of their eagerness and work ethic they were able to improve with every game. The season was a success based on the basic skills they learned and improved on within the season and the fun they had. All were very pleased with the improvements they had made," Coach Umfor said.

The special awards presented at last week's banquet included:

8th grade "white" team -- Hustle Award: Iva Haven; Spirit Award: Kim McQueen; Most Improved: Breezy Dutton.

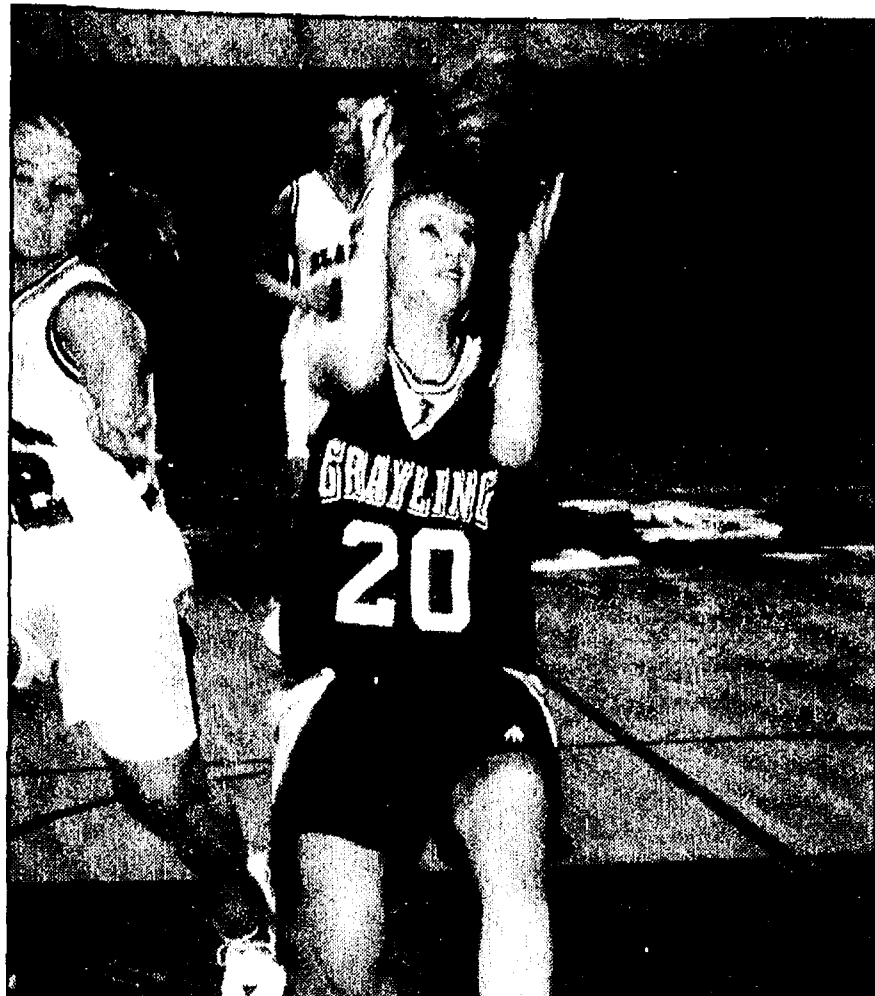
8th grade "green" team -- Hustle Award: Olivia Peters; Spirit Award: Katlyn Nye; Most Improved: Olivia Peters.

7th grade team -- Hustle Award: Chloe Harwood and Lindsey Johnson; Spirit Award: Kelsee Dean and Josie Swander; Most Improved: Sammie Hansen and Darcy Greer; Best Defense: Andrea Malm and Kara Malm; Coaches Award: Elaine Desl'enfants and Myrissa Kuhn; Most Heart: Jamie Denton.

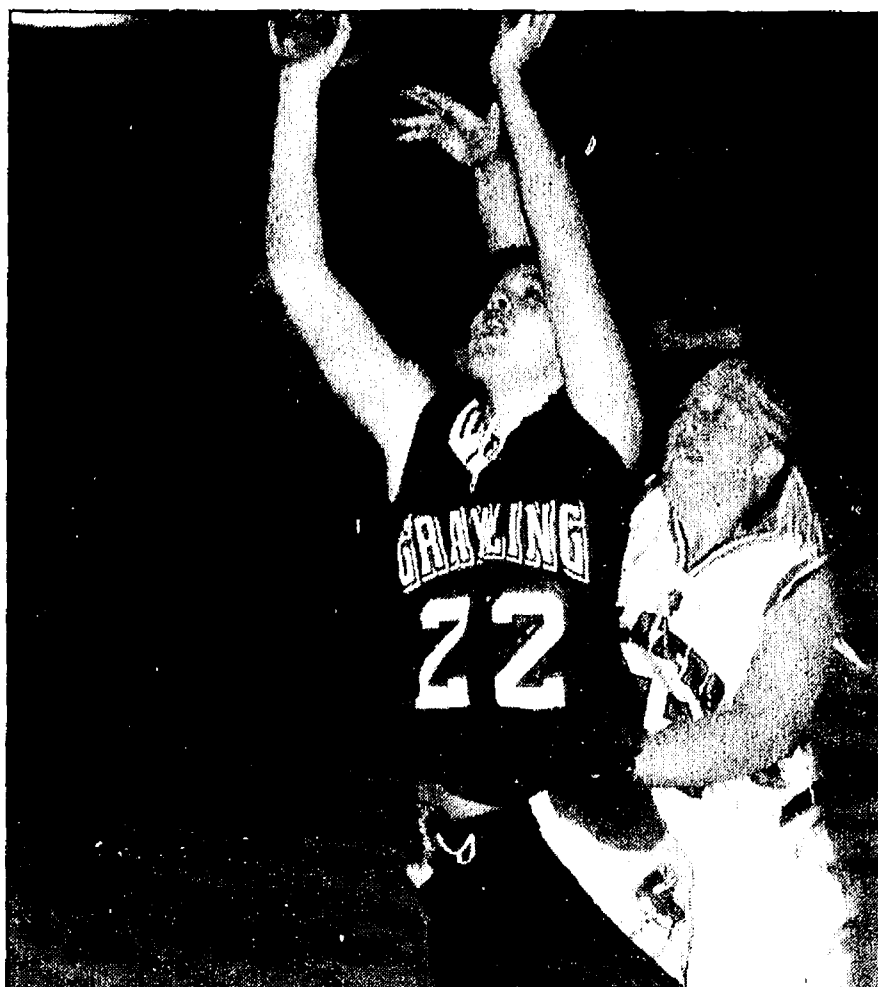
Awards were voted on by the players.

After the awards were presented by the coaches, everyone in attendance enjoyed desserts provided by the parents.

"These girls will bring next year's season lots of promise," Coach Umfor said.



Annie Melroy drives to the basket for the Vikings on Tuesday night.



Jessie Baker shoots for Grayling at Kalkaska on Tuesday.

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Varsity basketball squad loses at Kalkaska on Tuesday night

Vikings fall to Blazers 48-28 at Kalkaska in varsity girls basketball match

The Grayling High School varsity girls basketball team fell to the Kalkaska Blazers 48-28 in a game played at Kalkaska last Tuesday.

The Blazers led by five points at halftime, 20-15, and pulled away with a 28-13 second half. Grayling's leading scorers were: Laura Boylan, 9 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals; Abby Wheeler, 7 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 assists; Annie Melroy, 4 points, 2 assists, 2 steals; Ashley

Feldhauser, 2 points, 9 rebounds; Monica Peters, 2 points, 5 rebounds; Gabby Calkins, 2 points. "The improvement our girls have made was evident in this game. We played tremendous defense - especially the first half, boxed out well, and beat Kalkaska

to the boards. We only gave up 20 points the first half to a very strong Kalkaska team. They have two all-stars," Coach Mead said. "We struggled to get anything going on offense against Kalkaska's solid zone defense. We did outscore them in the second quarter and that is a feat in itself."



Rachel Doremire passes the ball to a teammate vs. Kalkaska.



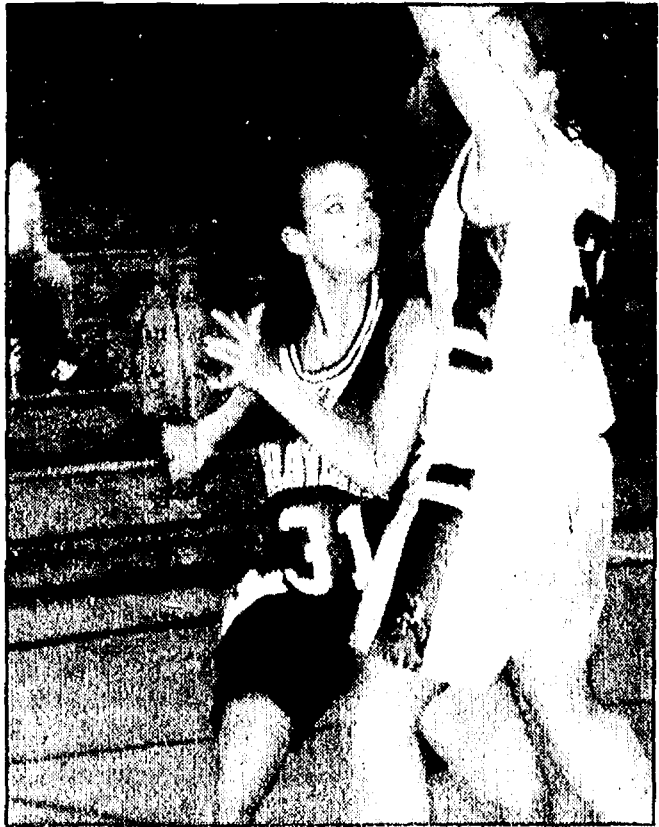
Monica Peters shoots for the Vikings on Tuesday night at Kalkaska.



Abby Wheeler handles the ball for GHS on Tuesday vs. the Blazers.



Ashley Bindschatel shoots a three-pointer for GHS.



Ashley Feldhauser looks to shoot the ball for Grayling.

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Both camps will be directed by Rich Moffit, head basketball coach at Grayling High School.

The camp for grades 1-4 will be held on Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 9, and 16, and Jan. 6 and 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. at the Grayling High School gym.

Camp format includes: 8:30-9:20 a.m. – fundamentals, 9:20-9:55 a.m. – games.

Each player will receive: 1. basketball T-shirt; 2. instruction and games; 3. play at half-time of a GHS junior varsity boys basketball game.

The Little Vikes Boys Basketball Camp for players in grades 5-6 will be held on Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 9, and 16, and Jan. 6 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Grayling High School gym. Camp format includes: 10-10:40 a.m. – skill work, 10:40-50 a.m. – team concepts, 10:50-11:30 a.m. – games.

Each player will receive: 1. basketball T-shirt; 2. instruction and games; 3. play at half-time of a GHS junior varsity boys basketball game.

To sign up for one of the camps, complete the attached registration form and return it (with payment – make checks payable to "Grayling Basketball") to the Grayling Elementary School, Grayling Middle School, or AuSable Primary office. Cost to participate in one of the camps is \$15 per player.

If you have any questions about the Little Vikes Boys Basketball Camp, please contact Coach Rich Moffit at rmofit@casdk12.net.

Little Vikes Basketball Camp

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BOWLING LEAGUE			
Recreation League			
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Gale Enterprises	21.5 - 18.5	High Series: J. Thayer, 607; T. Kotrash, 600; J. Arwood, 598.	
Glen's Market	21.5 - 18.5	High Game: B. Johnson, 267; J. Arwood, 228; J. Thayer, 223.	
American Legion	20 - 20	Senior Bowling	
Woody Girls	18.5 - 21.5	Grayling Pharmacy	32 - 8
Grayling Manf Housing	18 - 22	Bear's Deh Pizza	24 - 16
Mickey Perez CPA	18 - 22	Flowers By Josie	20 - 20
Days Inn	17.5 - 22.5	Sylvesters Sports	20 - 20
High Series: P. D'Amour, 502; M. Starks, 498; L. Hanson, 482.		Kickin Grass	18 - 22
High Game: P. D'Amour, 188; N. Glasslee, and V. Balmes, 180.		Spike's	17.5 - 22.5
Friday Mixed Doubles			
Poopsie Pin Pounders.28.5 - 11.5		Gaylord Electric.	16 - 24
New "Kids"	22.5 - 17.5	Lone Pine	13.5 - 26.5
G.L. Hauling	21 - 19	High Series Women: C. Clark, 455; N. Glasslee, 450; D. Doremire, 444.	
American Legion	21 - 19	Pioneer League	
Forget About It	18 - 22	Grayling Rest	22 - 14
Great Lakes Roofing.	18 - 22	Cal Dutton Const.	22 - 14
Collen & Starks.	16 - 24	McDonald's	20 - 16
Moshier Auto Repair	15 - 25	T C Lawncare.	19 - 17
High Series Men: D. Canfield, 596; J. Campbell, 559; R. Younglove 528.		G.B.D. Const.	18 - 18
High Game Men: D. Wallace, 225; R. Younglove, 221; P. Thomas, 219.		Spicy Bob's	16 - 20
High Series Women: P. Younglove, 521; M. Cole, 491, S. Johnson, 489.		"5" B's	16 - 20
High Game Women: M. Starks, 193; M. Cole, 188; S. Johnson, 185.		Tim's Collision.	11 - 25
American Men's League			
Scheer Motors	17 - 4	High Series: J. Coors, 558; T. Hellebuyck, 510, B. LaMotte, 515.	
Fenton's Auto Serv.	17 - 4	High Game: J. Coors, 211; S. Johnson, 207; B. LaMotte, 205.	
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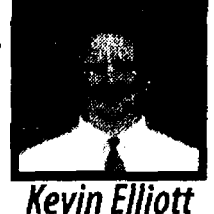


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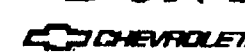

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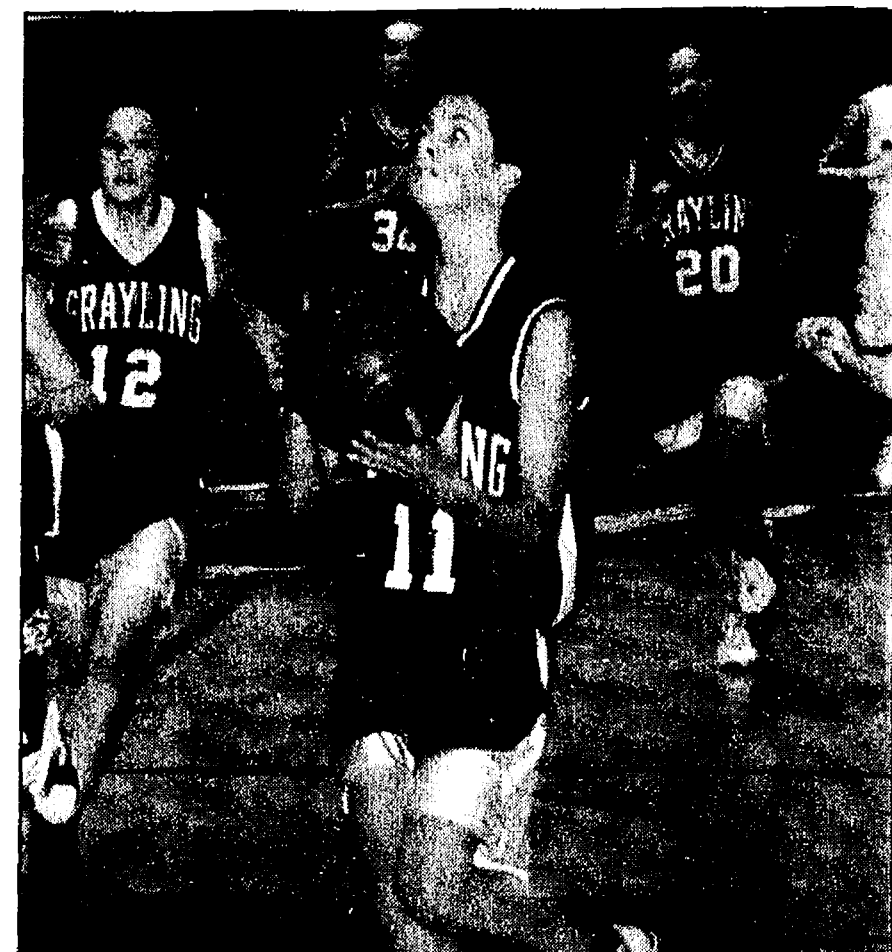
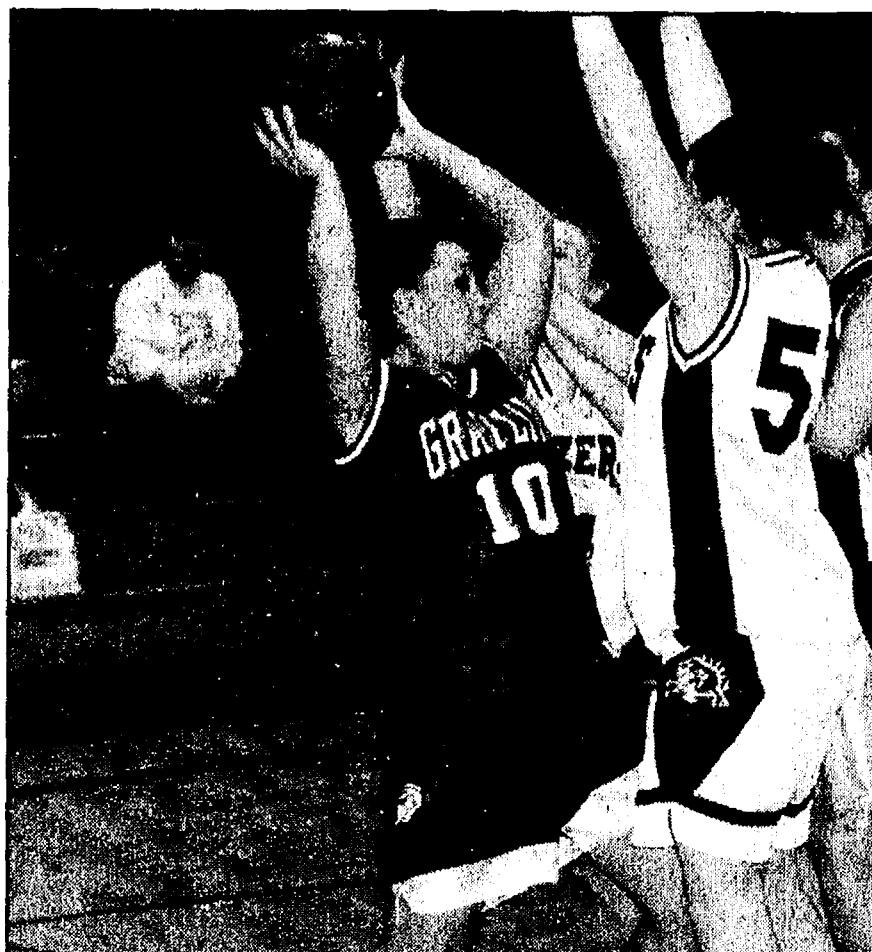
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Linda Northrop

JV Vikings fall to Blazers at Kalkaska 31-22 on Tuesday

Grayling High School lost to the Kalkaska Blazers 31-22 in a junior varsity girls basketball contest played at Kalkaska last Tuesday. The Vikings started slow and trailed 10-1 after one quarter. Grayling outscored Kalkaska 10-2 in the second quarter and trailed by one at halftime, 12-11. The Blazers scored 19 points in the second half to Grayling's 11, and finished with a nine-point victory.



(Left) Alyssa Lewis looks for an open teammate during last Tuesday's JV girls basketball game at Kalkaska. (Right) Samantha Schreiber drives to the basket for the Vikings.



Grace Calkins (left) and Kelsey Neuberger (right) shoot the ball for the Vikings at Kalkaska on Tuesday night.

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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2006 UNAPPROVED

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.
In attendance: Musselman, Janisse, Luck, Kozlowski and George.
Absent: None.
No public comment.

Motion by Luck, seconded by Kozlowski, to accept Standard Operating Guide as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, seconded by Luck, to accept Consent Agenda, including Treasurer's Report, bills invoiced and projected bills, and the minutes from the October 13, 2006 Special Meeting, and the Fire/EMS meeting minutes. The exception being the minutes from October Regular Meeting, which are to be amended. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, seconded by George, to accept Standard Operating Guide as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, seconded by Musselman, for Clerk to pay meal expenses for EMS EXPO for Lawrence Smith, upon receipt of corresponding documentation. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, seconded by Kozlowski, to accept, and pay, invoice from NEMCOG in the amount of \$2,963.50, for work done on Zoning Ordinance. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Janisse, seconded by Kozlowski, to drop the issue of items missing from previous clerk's office. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Luck, seconded by Kozlowski,

to accept payment for invoice received from Top of the Line, in the amount of \$390.00 for work done on plans for Garage/Storage building. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Musselman, seconded by Luck, to accept bid from Quality Coating & Insulation in the amount of \$3,350.00, for insulation of the Township Hall attic. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Kozlowski, seconded by Luck, to accept Fire and EMS Protection Agreement between Kirtland Community College and South Branch Township, as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on November 29, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan lying on the West side County Road.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 26, 2006
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tim Swain, Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 4, 2004, and recorded on January 20, 2005 in Liber 673 on Page 411, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Four And 22/100 Dollars (\$45,924.22), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on November 29, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: A parcel of land located in the West 10 acres of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, being further described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West along the North line of said Section 1155.66 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West, 163.63 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds East along the West 1/8 line 443.62 feet; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 17 seconds East 163.63 feet; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds West 443.70 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Subject to: A County Road and utility easement over the Northerly side thereof. Together with and subject to: A 66 foot wide road and utility easement lying 33

feet on either side of a line described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West along the North section line 1155.66 feet for a point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 33 seconds East parallel with the West 1/8 line 1331.10 feet to the North 1/8 line for a Point of Ending

Subject to easements, building and use restrictions, and reservations or record, if any.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry Lucksted and Elaine

Lucksted, husband and wife, joint tenancy, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2005, and recorded on April 15, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 989, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to EverHome Mortgage Company as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Five And 03/100 Dollars (\$62,665.03), including interest at 7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on December 13, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Block 12, Roffe's Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 9, 2006
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas D. Slavens, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 2004, and recorded on September 28, 2004 in Liber 671, on Page 687, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Thirteen And 41/100 Dollars (\$154,013.41), including interest at 5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on December 13, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A; Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of

said Section 7, Thence South 01 Degrees 21 Minutes West (Along the West 1/8 Line) 17.25 Feet to the Southeasterly Right of Way of M-72 and M-93; Thence North 45 Degrees 45 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 340 Feet; Thence North 44 Degrees 21 Minutes East (along said Right-of-Way) 105.03 Feet; Thence South 50 Degrees 14 Minutes East 305.18 Feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence Continuing South 50 Degrees 14 Minutes East 331.10 Feet to the Left Bank of the Ausable River; Thence South 47 Degrees 30 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 100.90 Feet; Thence South 87 Degrees 15 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 165.00 Feet; Thence North 66 Degrees 06 Minutes West (along said River Bank) 115.40 Feet; Thence North 20 Feet 32 Minutes East 257.50 Feet to the Point of Beginning; This Parcel Extends to the Waters Edge of the Ausable River with Full Riparian Rights thereto.

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The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael T. Deming and Elissa C. Deming, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Wilmington Finance, a division of AIG Federal Savings Bank, Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2004, and recorded on January 7, 2005 in Liber 673 on Page 244, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JP Morgan Chase Bank as Trustee for Equity One ABS, Inc. Mortgage/pass through certificates series #2005-3 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Five And 73/100 Dollars (\$93,005.73), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on December 20, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 27, Sherwood Forest, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 16, 2006
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Renee Cross, A Single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 16, 2004, and recorded on July 20, 2004 in Liber 670 on Page 195, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Three And 64/100 Dollars (\$52,393.64), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on December 20, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Described as follows: Beginning at a point on the south line of said Section which is 2003.00 feet, North 89 Degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West, from the Southeast corner of said section; thence North 89 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds West, continuing on said South section line, 167.09 feet to the East line of interstate 75; thence North 07 degrees 18 minutes 39 seconds West, on said East line, 264.71 feet thence south 89 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds East, Parallel with said South Section line 206.55 feet; thence South 01 degrees 15 minutes 46 seconds West, Parallel with the East line of said section, 262.01 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to Highway use over the South 33.00 feet thereof and also subject to any other easements of record.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 16, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #114047F01

-16-23-30-7

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:
Chad Hawley and Amy Hawley, Husband and Wife to

Olympus Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2004 and recorded December 9, 2004 in Liber 672 Page 826 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$71,666.56) including interest 9.275% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, December 13, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 1, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 210 Rolla Street, Grayling MI 49738
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: OCTOBER 30, 2006 Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through

Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1,

Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123

Our File No: 06-57940
-9-16-23-30

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nicole Babbitt a married woman and Raymond Babbitt a married man, joint tenancy with full rights of survivor ship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 13, 2005, and recorded on July 6, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 156, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Two And 98/100 Dollars (\$88,432.98), including interest at 5.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on December 20, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 307.5 feet of Lot 4, the East half of Lot 5 and Lot 6, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 16, 2006
For more information, please call:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #114196F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elmer Curns, Jr., A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated December 9, 2005, and recorded on December 14, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 986, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirteen And 93/100 Dollars (\$97,613.93), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on December 6, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL A: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 2; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds East, along the North Section line, 969.18 feet (recorded as 967.55 feet) to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said North 89 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds East, 352.87 feet (recorded as 353.65 feet) to the West 1/8 line of said section; thence along said West 1/8

line, South 01 degrees 03 minutes 55 seconds West, 46.19 feet to the Southerly right of way of May Lake Road; thence continuing South 01 degrees 03 minutes 55 seconds West, 333.64 feet; thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds West, 176.11 feet to the Easterly right of way of Chickasaw Trail; thence 185.92 feet along said Easterly right of way of Chickasaw Trail on the arc of a 238.38 foot radius curve to the left, said curve having a chord of North 42 degrees 24 minutes 10 seconds West 181.25 feet; thence 82.05 feet along said Easterly right of way on the arc of a 75.00 foot radius curve to the right, said curve having a long chord of North 32 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds West, 78.02 feet; thence along said Easterly right of way North 01 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds West, 124.91 feet to the Southerly right of way of May Lake Road; thence continuing North 01 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds West, 48.91 feet to the North line of said Section 2 and the Point of Beginning. Subject to the right of way of May Lake Road over the Northerly portion thereof. Subject to and together with a 24 foot wide ingress and egress easement lying 12 feet on each side of, parallel with, and adjacent to a centerline described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds East, along the North line of said section, 969.17 feet to the East line of Chickasaw Trail as shown on the plat of, Indian Woods, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 26, Crawford County Records; thence South 01 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds East, along the East line of Chickasaw Trail, 170.59 feet to the Point of Beginning of centerline of said 24 foot easement; thence 73.43 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 200.00 feet, delta angle of 21 degrees 02 minutes 11 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of South 44 degrees 08 minutes 07 seconds East 73.02 feet; thence 104.76 feet along the arc of a reverse curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 253.22 feet, delta angle of 23 degrees 42 minutes 12 seconds and a chord bearing and distance of South 42 degrees 48 minutes 06 seconds East 104.01 feet to a point on the East line of Chickasaw Trail and the Point of Ending of centerline of said 24 foot easement the side lines of the described 24 foot wide easement are to be lengthened or shortened as necessary to commence and terminate on the East line of the platted Chickasaw Trail.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 2, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #112395F01

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald G. Vrandenburg, Unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to First Franklin Financial Corp., subsidiary of National City Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated March 9, 2004, and recorded on March 16, 2004 in Liber 666 on Page 883, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank National Association, Trustee for the Certificate holders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-FF6, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-FF6 as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six And 90/100 Dollars (\$65,846.90), including interest at 9.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on December 6, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: November 2, 2006
For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #051691F03

-2-9-16-23

Invitation to bid

Crawford AuSable School District is seeking to purchase network hardware to upgrade switches in several of its buildings. The request for proposal is available from the school district office located at 1135 North Old U.S. 27., Grayling, MI 49738. Bids are due Monday, November 20, 2006, 3 p.m. EDT. For further information call 989-344-3516.

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

If you have unpaid 2004 or prior years property taxes, Crawford County will be publishing the **NAMES OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES** in the Crawford County Avalanche for 3 consecutive weeks beginning in December, 2006.

To avoid publication, 2004 taxes must be paid in full by Thursday, November 30, 2006. PAYMENTS MADE AFTER NOVEMBER 30, 2006 WILL NOT PREVENT PUBLICATION. Also, an additional \$75.00 fee will be added to any payment received after November 30, 2006.

Payments will be accepted by **CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR CREDIT CARD.**

NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
8:30 A.M. - noon
and
1 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Joe Wakeley
Crawford County Treasurer
989-344-3204
989-344-3231

Joseph V. Wakeley
County Treasurer

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
November 17, 1983

Plans are being finalized by the Grayling Promotional Association for a Christmas celebration to be held in Grayling this holiday season. The celebration will begin Dec. 1 as carols are sung and the city lights are put up for Christmas. Events are being planned for Dec. 2 and Dec. 3, with a community bazaar and bake sale. Other activities will be special shopping days for men, women, kids, and senior citizens, a library day and caroling.

Crawford County's first snow fall of the season led to seven vehicle accidents. Three cars wound up in ditches, three cars were damaged, and one car carrying eight persons rolled over, all along I-75 Thursday night.

City council members Robert Gohnick, David Sabin, and Dorothy Latuszek were re-elected to four year terms in the Nov. 8 election. At the Nov. 14 city council meeting, Gordon "Sandy" Thompson was re-appointed to a two year term as Mayor of Grayling.

Seven Grayling Vikings earned all-conference honors in football this season - the most Vikings to ever win league honors in the Michigan Huron Shores Conference. They are: Greg Helsel, Darrin White, Rodney Patterson, Mike Hickey, Jim Stewart, Jon Nicholas, and Barsie

Cross.

Four hundred and one times last year Crawford County Ambulance Corps members climbed into ambulances to speed to emergencies ranging from car accidents with 10 persons injured to overdoses and heart attacks. Every other night of the year-sometimes in rain, fog, 20 below temperatures, or three feet of snow, one of two ambulance crews are on call from 5 p.m. to 7 a.m., with all 14 members of the Corps on call during the day. Of the 14, nine are E.M.T.'s and five are licensed ambulance attendants.

The annual payroll for 80 to 90 persons employed at the Grayling K-Mart would be about \$900,000. Agree Development Company officials told the Crawford County Economic Corporation.

All elected, appointed, and salaried county employees are being asked by county commissioners for commentary on a volunteer pay cut. In a letter to all county officials, county commissioners asked for their reactions to a volunteer pay cut of one day a month to help balance the county budget.

46 Years Ago
November 16, 1960

The Underground Forest basketball team did it again, by downing the Gaylord Hawks by the score of 64-34 at the Frederic

High School gym in their first warm-up game of the season.

A total of 756 parents attended the Grayling Public School open house on Nov. 7, which was held from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., which the school faculty feels is a good response to their annual invitation. For a while the numbers were actually a bit lower than in previous years. Those who came in were parents genuinely interested in the progress of their children.

Robert Tapley was landing his light plane, Sunday afternoon, at the Grayling Air Field at 5:20 p.m., just before twilight, when a small herd of deer ran in front of the plane on the runway. The pilot attempted to lift the plane, but did not have enough air speed to do so, and wound up hitting a large doe. The plane tipped on its nose from the impact, damaging the propeller.

The vote by students of Grayling High School last week closely followed actual balloting throughout the county and a poll taken by the high school civics class showed the trend in Crawford County correctly. Students gave the Nixon-Lodge team 199 votes to 75 for Kennedy-Johnson.

Mike Goodrich, Grayling's senior guard, was named to the Northern Class C All Conference first team and Steve Sink, senior back, was given the All Conference-Honorable Mention.

The South Side School has new green shutters on the windows. Three swings and one slide have

been moved from the South Side to the North Side School playground.

69 Years Ago
November 18, 1937

Seven hornets enlivened the scene in the second grade room when they emerged from a nest brought to school by Judge Moore.

Real nimrods, true followers of good ole Dan'l Boone, four high school boys went and knocked over their buck with the greatest of ease, returning to school afterward. The four, Kenneth Peterson, Clayton Anthony, Junior Lovely and Wesley Dunham, are proud of their marksmanship. The rest of the high schoolers weren't so fortunate.

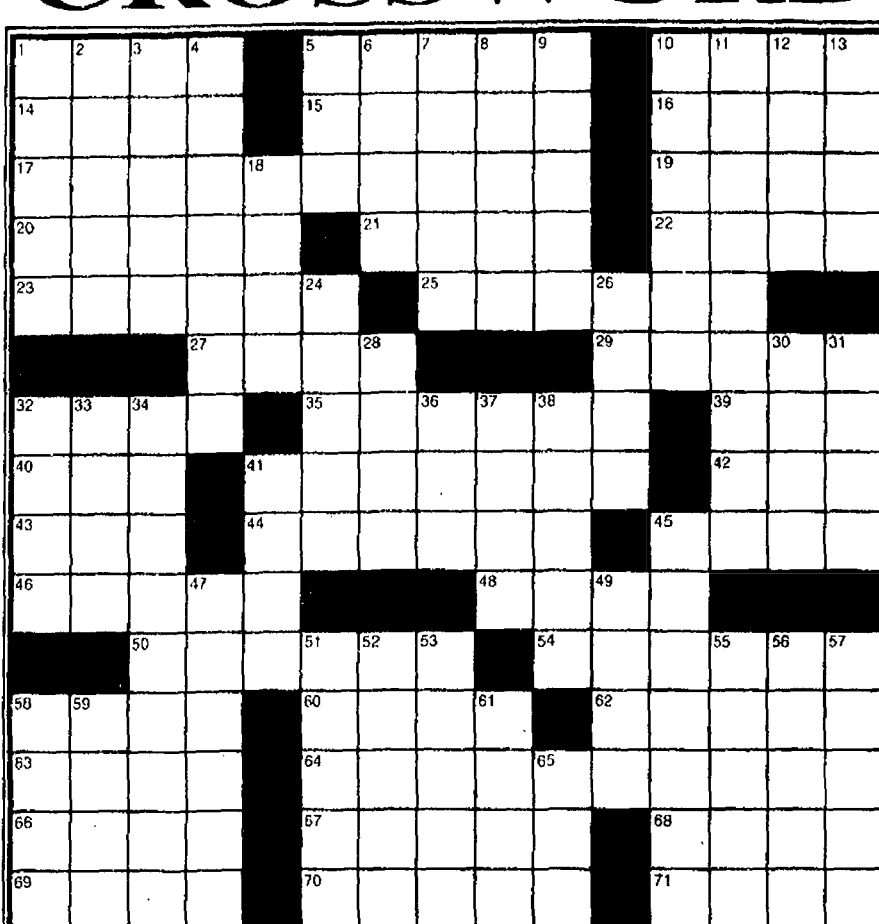
Charles Corwin reports the killing of two large coyotes by hunters near his farm, east of Grayling. These animals have been taking their toll of poultry for some time and almost completely wiped out a flock of about 20 guineas belonging to Mr. Corwin.

92 Years Ago
November 19, 1914

Frank Sales is the new delivery man at the R.D. Connine grocery. Mike Ardell has purchased the grocery stock of Peter E. Johnson on the south side and is continuing the business at the old stand.

Bert DeFrain, night boilermaker at the M.C. roundhouse, had the misfortune to fall into one of the pits, badly bruising his face and breaking his nose.

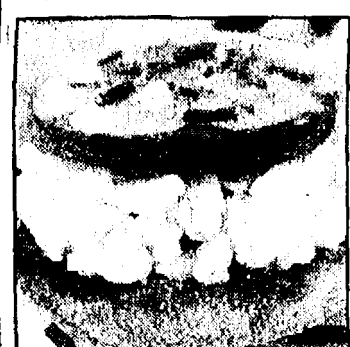
CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Riff, California jazz band.
 5. Suggestion of some quality.
 10. Act in a leasing way.
 14. Dream, 2005 film.
 15. Small measure.
 16. Pier produced by thickening a wall at its termination.
 17. Wavelike motion.
 19. Magna published monthly in the magazine Afternoon.
 20. Plural of "goose."
 21. Flashed to anger.
 22. Sticky substances obtained from the stems of some plants and trees.
 23. Accelerate the movement.
 25. Located below something.
 27. Consequently.
 29. Muse of lyric and love poetry.
 32. Illness, folk singer.
 35. Sing with trills.
 39. Attempt to get something.
 40. Dull brown color.
 41. Wanted.
 42. Mask attachment protecting the neck and throat area.
 43. River in northwest Germany.
 44. Vadym, Ukrainian banker.
 45. Disordered condition.
 46. Tortilla chip topped with cheese and chili pepper and broiled.
 48. Pliable metallic strands made in many lengths and diameters.
 50. Gillian, actress.
 54. Any age prior to legal age.
 58. Aromatic resinous substance used for healing.
 60. Center on which something rotates.
 62. Essential oil obtained from flowers.
 63. 6th month of the ecclesiastical year in the Jewish calendar.
 64. Island in the West Indies.
 66. Tyler, fictional character on Dr. Who.
 67. Pertaining to the ileum.
 68. Dollars equal to 100 cents.
 69. Collection of similar objects.
 70. East Indian annual erect herb.
 71. Hilario, player for the Denver Nuggets.
- Down
1. Preliminary form.
 2. Transient cessation of respiration.
 3. Losses color.
 4. Make agitated and confused.
 5. State of southwestern India.
 6. Small, simple shelters.
 7. Bulbous plant cultivated as a vegetable.
 8. Resentment strong enough to justify retaliation.
 9. Doctrine.
 10. Sam, actor.
 11. Bearable.
 12. Cylinder forming a long, narrow part of something.
 13. Becomes brown from exposure to the sun.
 18. Oven in which glassware is annealed.
 24. Smaller monetary unit of Zambia.
 26. Pay close attention to.
 28. Kill to dry hops.
 30. Attaching of metal lath to furring channels by the use of light gauge malleable wire.
 31. Choric songs of classical Greece.
 32. Former capital of South Yemen.
 33. Any of various representative assemblies in modern Russia and Russian history.
 34. Political union, especially the one uniting Nazi Germany and Austria in 1938.
 36. Shape of a raised edge of a circular object.
 37. Dressed in gaudy fashion.
 38. Goodbye, 2004 movie.
 41. Traditional Arab sailing vessel.
 45. Short note recognizing a source of information.
 47. 1996 Kenneth Branagh film.
 49. Having brownish coat thickly sprinkled with white or gray.
 51. Hindi word for "lord."
 52. Banishment.
 53. Above the horizon.
 55. Make amends for.
 56. Gearing, actor.
 57. Expunge.
 58. Dan, singer.
 59. Succulent plants having rosettes of leaves usually with hemp-like and fiber spikes of showy flowers.
 61. Unit of length equal to nine inches.
 65. From the old French word "As."

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

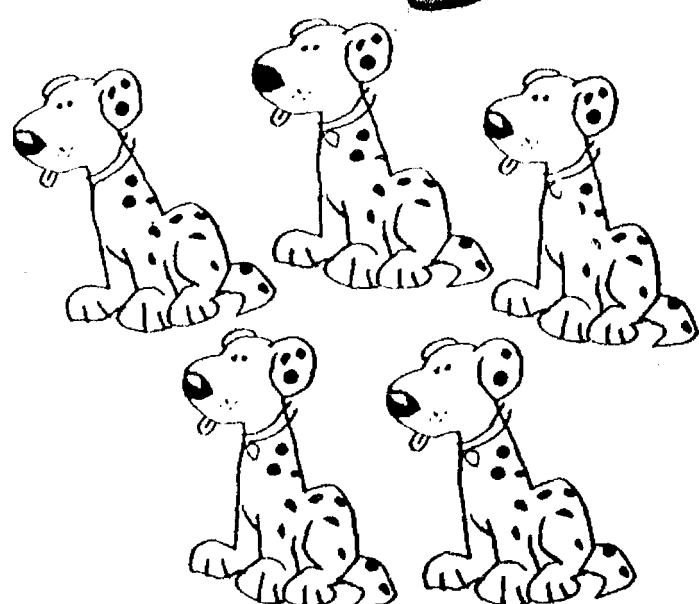


Open-Face Egg Muffins

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|---|--|-----|---|
| 1 | No-stick cooking spray | 2 | whole wheat english muffins, split, toasted |
| | cup (8 ounces) scrambled eggs | 1 | medium tomato, cut into 4 slices |
| | (may add or use egg whites, cheese, chive, garden vegetables, ham) | 1/4 | cup (1 ounce) shredded cheddar cheese |
| | | 1 | teaspoon chopped fresh chives |

1. Preheat broiler. Spray medium nonstick skillet with cooking spray; heat over medium heat. Pour scrambled eggs into skillet. Cook until slightly set; stir. Cook an additional 6 minutes or until eggs reach desired doneness, stirring occasionally.
2. Place muffin halves, cut sides up, on ungreased baking sheet. Top each with 1/4 of the scrambled Eggs, 1 tomato slice and 2 tablespoons cheese. Broil 1 to 2 minutes or until cheese is melted.
3. Sprinkle chives evenly over muffins.

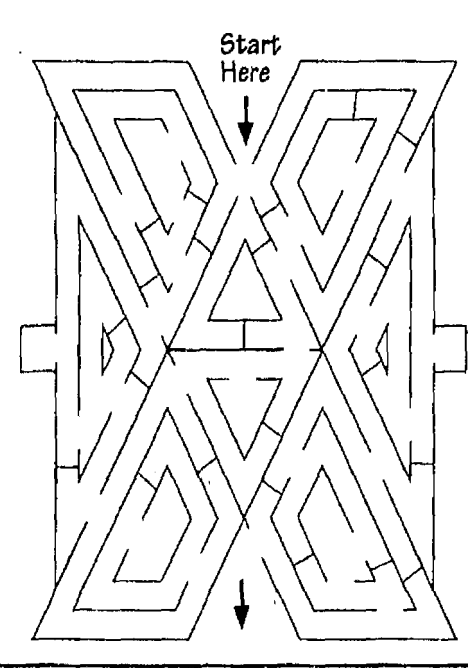
Makes: 4 servings (1 half-muffin each)



DID YOU KNOW ??

More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.

MAZE



HOROSCOPES

For the week of November 16, 2006



December 22-January 19

A letter sheds light on a troubling situation. Work to resolve the issue quickly. A relative is in serious trouble. Get them the help they need to clean up their act.



March 21-April 19

You tangle with an old friend. Put aside your foolish pride and say you're sorry. Financial matters weigh heavily on your mind.



June 22-July 22

Congratulations. Cancer: A relative changes their tune about an important matter. Take steps to get the ball rolling. A powerful ally helps you with an issue at work.



September 23-October 22

A new plan at work puts the rumor mill into high gear. Pay no attention, Libra. Your financial state begins to slide. Seek the help of a professional to get back on top.



January 20-February 18

Don't succumb to a relative's antics. Aquarius: They are not in dire distress and need to learn how to handle life's problems on their own. Do them a favor and say no.



April 20-May 20

An act of kindness inspires you to get more involved in the community. Help out a local charity, volunteer at a hospital or join an organization.



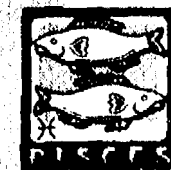
July 23-August 22

A loved one falls into a funk. Find out what the source of their despair is and see if you can help. A home improvement mission is completed.



October 23-November 21

Don't crack under the pressure at work. Scorpio: Turn on the charm and strut your stuff. A friend has something important to tell you.



February 19-March 20

A fiery response puts you in a foul mood. Do something fun to boost your spirits. Pisces: Romantic entanglements heat up the weekend.



May 21-June 21

Uh-oh, Gemini. Work obligations force you to cancel plans with family. Don't let it get to you. You can make up for it later. An old love is revived.



August 23-September 22

You underestimate a young friend's creative talents. Give them a chance. You will be quite surprised with the results. A social faux pas is not reason for concern.



November 22-December 21

A risk pans out. Invite some friends over, uncork a bottle of champagne and celebrate. A chance meeting turns your world upside down.

ADOPT A PET



Heinz

is a cool guy with loads of personality. He has a crooked face, a bobbed tail and a sweet smile. Heinz appears to be housebroken and is good with other dogs. He is neutered and vaccinated.

Your donation to the "Gimme Shelter \$10k Challenge" will be matched up to \$10,000! Help build a new shelter today!

Melody

is a 2 year old Australian Shepherd mix. She is housebroken, great with other dogs and seems fond of children. This quiet and easy going girl is spayed and vaccinated and ready for a home. Call the shelter if you are interested in Melody as she is currently fostered.



The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.asc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Precip. Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
11/8	53	34	0						
11/9	52	43	0.01	High 39	High 36	High 39	High 33	High 38	High 37
11/10	56	34	0	Low 32	Low 29	Low 28	Low 24	Low 26	Low 28
11/11	40	31	0.75						
11/12	34	27	0						
11/13	32	23	0						
11/14	33	23	0.07	Showers/Wind	Rain/Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Sunny	Partly Cloudy

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

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www.avalanche.townnews.com

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1. Real Estate

AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE NEW LISTINGS e-mailed to you. Call us at 348-5474 or email to ent21@ic2k.com Century 21 River Country Real Estate. Visit our web: www.century21grayling.com (2/23/06t/1)

FOR SALE OR LEASE 2.6 acres, hunting camp and/or building site, adjoining state land, between Grayling and Roscommon. Very Private. 989-329-3249. (-9-16-23/1)

1. Real Estate

LOW INCOME housing available to purchase. Apply with Connie at Century 21. Call for an appointment. 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. Currently 5 homes available. (2/23/06t/1)

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. Price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06t/1)

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE OR LEASE mobile home lots, 2.5 acres, relocate your mobile home and use existing mobile home for storage. Located on M-72 near Burtons Landing in Grayling. 14' x 65' concrete slab with hook-ups including 4" well, electric service and 1,000 gallon septic. A large frontage in nicer area located near state forest and canoe pick-up area. \$25,000. Mel, 877-365-2006. todd@ingallsenterprises.com. (LR12/7/06/1)

1. Real Estate

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2. For Rent

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2. For Rent

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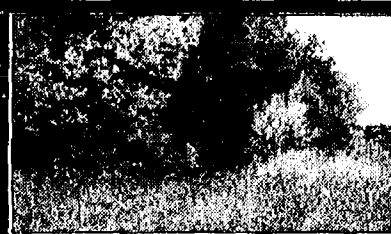
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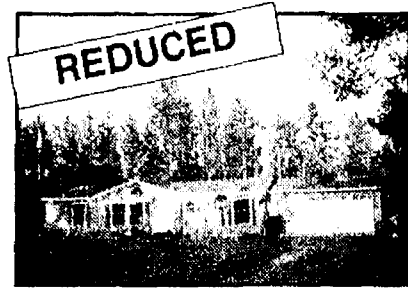
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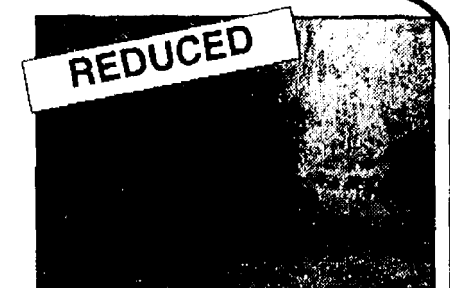


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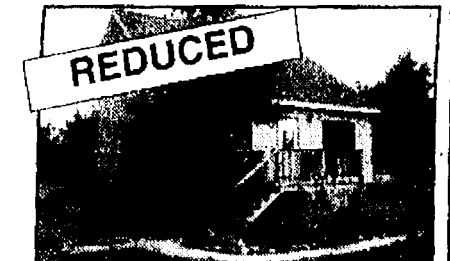
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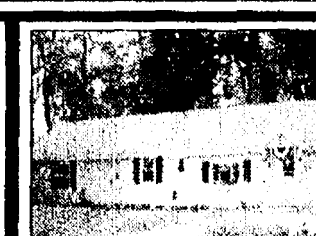
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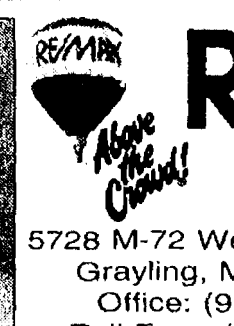
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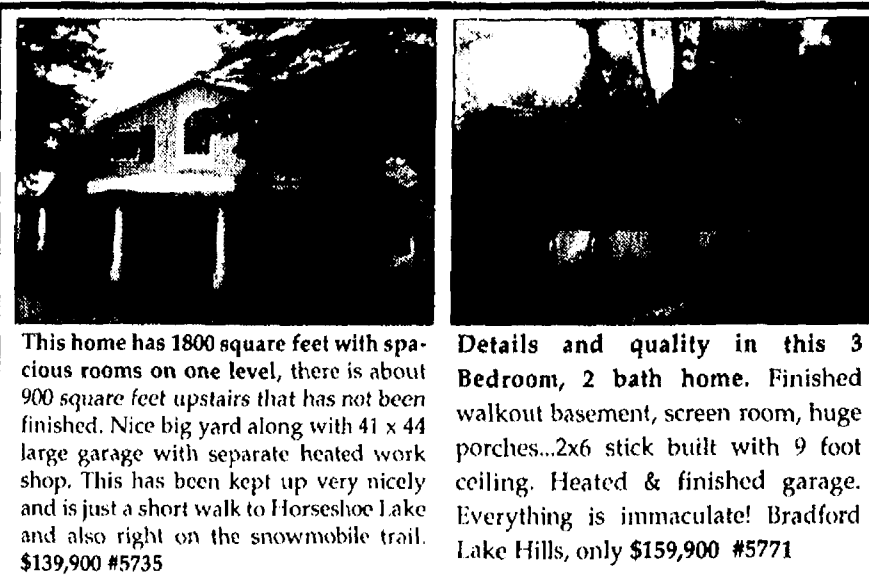
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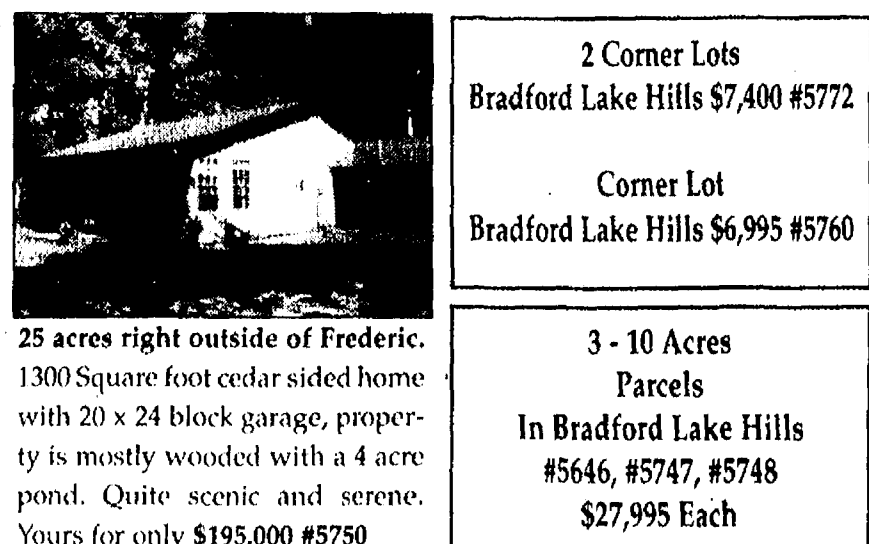
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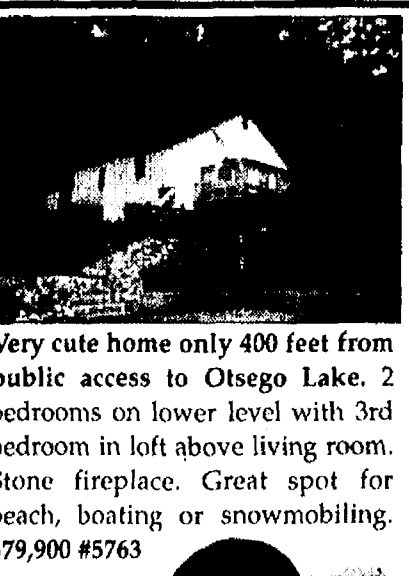
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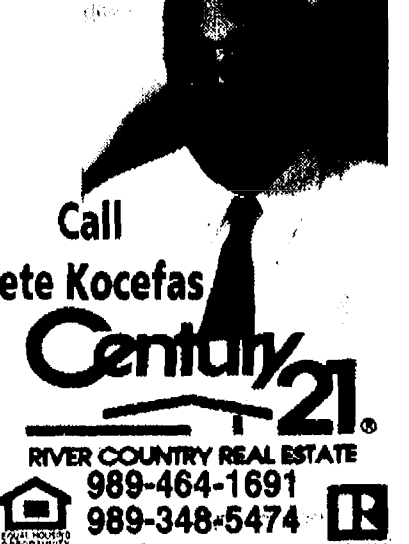
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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

FAMILY, GRIEF or general counseling. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (7/13/06tf/8)

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ACCELERATED PHLEBOTOMY CLASS begins Dec. 11 thru Dec. 15 in Gaylord. Evening classes, cost \$995. Limited seats. 313-382-3857. (LR11/30/06/8)

"HUNT WITH FRED BEAR" New book due out Nov. 10, by Dick Lattimer. Call Pete Kocenas at 1-800-848-1268, or go to www.FredBearCampfireStories.com (10/19/06tf/8)

DAVE HELTON & FAMILY wish to hold a memorial gathering to commemorate the life of Eileen Jean Helton who passed on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006. All who knew and loved her are invited to join us for an open house on Sat., Nov. 25, 2006, from 10 - 5 at the family residence at 9970 N. Sherman Rd. in Maple Forrest Township. (-9-16/8)

8. Announcements

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS Breakfast with Santa, Sat., Dec. 2, at Michelson Memorial Church, 8 am to 11 am. Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, photos and children's gift corner. Sponsored by Grayling Promotional Association. (-16-23-30/8)

ANIMAL SHELTER offers pet photos with Santa, 12 pm to 4 pm, before the Christmas Walk this Saturday at the Heirloom Antique Mall next to the Avalanche. No appointment necessary. Cost for photo package is a \$20 donation. Lots of holiday items, bandannas, board games, baked goods, fresh wreaths and swags, raffle and more throughout the day and into the evenings festivities. Hope to see you there. (-16/8)

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9. Personals

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MATTHEW KEATING You made it to the honor roll. I am so proud of you. Love, Omi. (-16/9)

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Early Deadlines!
Avalanche publishing early for Thanksgiving holiday!
The Crawford County Avalanche will publish on Tuesday, Nov. 21 so newsstand buyers and our local subscribers will receive the November 23rd issue before the Thanksgiving holiday.
The deadline for all display ads is 5 pm Thursday, Nov. 16, to be considered for the Nov. 23th issue. Community news items and classified display ads must be turned in by noon Friday, Nov. 17. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by noon, Monday, Nov. 20.
The Avalanche will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and re-open at 9 am Friday, Nov. 24



11. Automotive

1999 NISSAN PATHFINDER SE 6 cylinder, 4-wheel drive, trailer package, power sun roof, heated leather seats, CD player, \$8,500/OBO. 989-448-4643. (-16-23/11)

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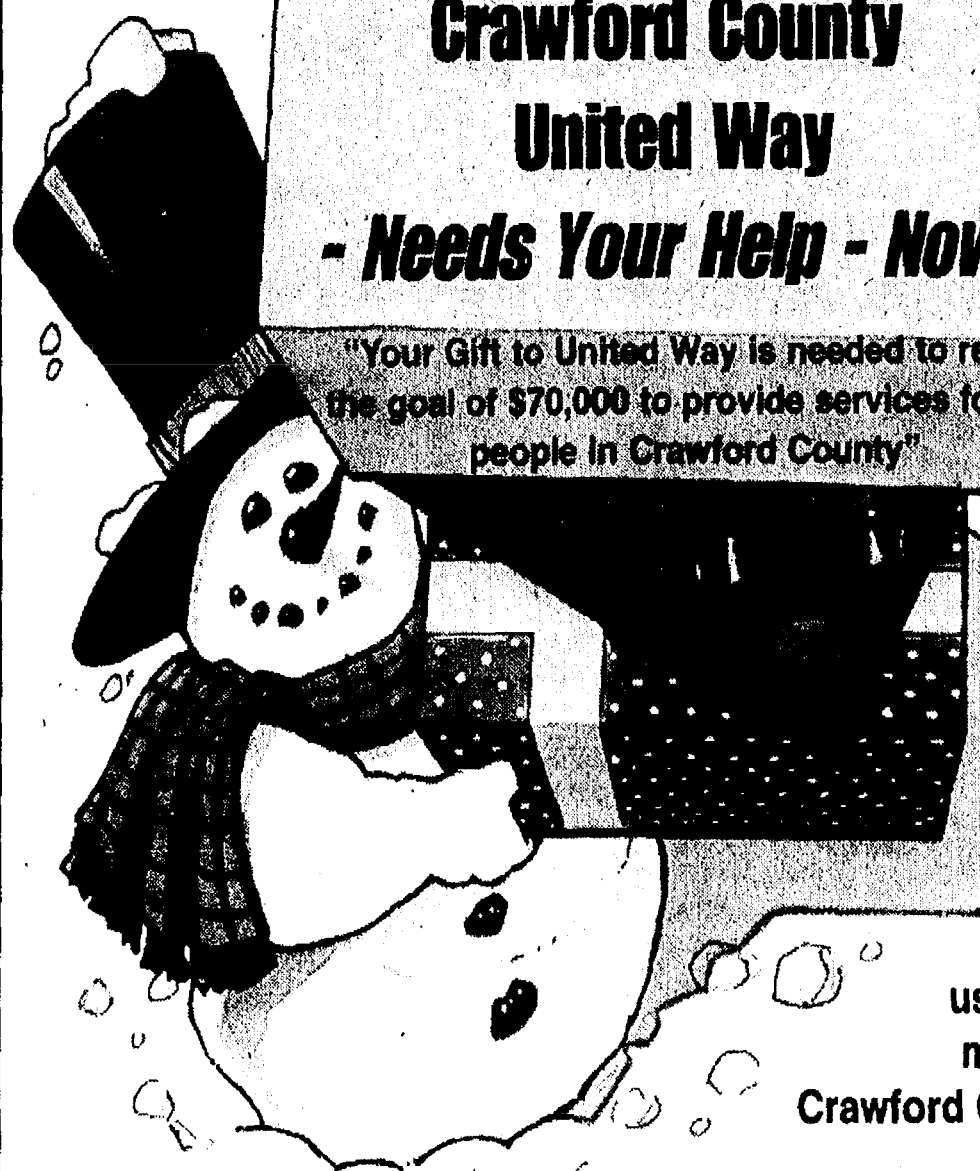
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